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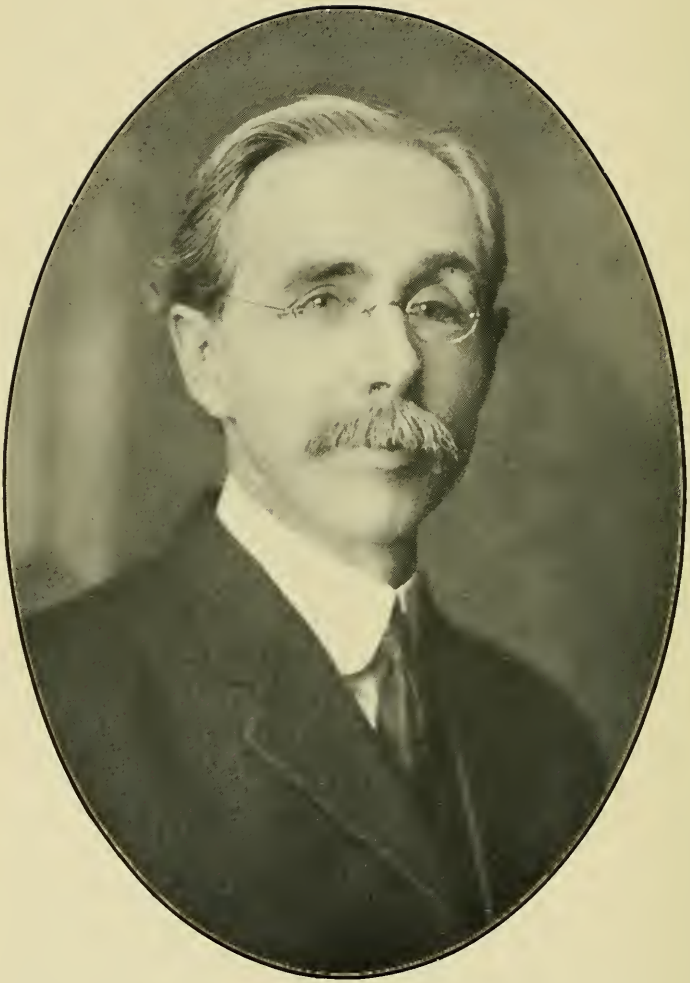

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First Reformed Presbyterian Church,

Chicago, Ill., May 25th, 1909.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill., at 8 P. M., and after devotional exercises, its sessions were opened with a sermon by the Moderator, R. C. Montgomery, from Psalm 118:25, last clause—"O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity."

After the sermon, the Moderator constituted the Court with prayer.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by H. H. George.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, May 26th, 9 A. M. Synod met at the appointed hour, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, C. McLeod Smith was chosen Assistant Clerk pro tem.

The roll was called, and being completed, is as follows.

ROLL.

COLORADO.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Denver	J. C. French	
Evans	I. A. Blackwood.	
Greely	J. M. Wylie	
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	
Santa Ana	Geo. N. Greer	A. G. Walkinshaw
Seattle	*T. M. Slater	

ILLINOIS.

Bethel	S. J. Johnston	A. W. Hunter
Bloomington	George R. Steele	
Church Hill		R. P. Anderson
Oakdale	M. A. Gault	J. C. Thompson
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Princeton	D. C. Mathews	J. D. Latham
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	R. K. Barkley
Selma	*S. F. Kingston	
	G. W. Benn	
	E. A. Crooks	
	D. S. Faris	
	J. G. Reed	

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Chicago	Robert Clarke	J. C. McCandless
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Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	J. W. Cavan
Rehoboth	G. A. Edgar	W. W. Twinam
Vernon		*E. I. Dewey
Washington		David Love
	J. A. Black	
	J. R. W. Stevenson	

KANSAS.

Beulah	J. T. Mitchell	John M. Allen
Billings		J. R. Cady
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers, S. S.	Henry Wallace
Clarinda		Thos J. Edgar
Denison	D. H. Elliott	George C. Robb
Kansas City		*W. R. Marvin
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	John Martin
Olathe	E. L. McKnight	*T. G. Graham
Quinter	J. G. McElhinney	John Copeland
Sterling	*J. Boggs Dodds	J. M. Adams
Superior	W. T. K. Thompson	J. B. Grey
Tabor	S. E. Greer	
Topeka	A. A. Samson	
Winchester		David S. Faris
	*Isaiah Faris	
	G. R. McBurney	
	James McCune	
	J. Ralston Wylie	

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	

NEW YORK.

Barnet	D. C. Faris	
Boston, First	S. McNaugher	
Boston, Second	J. M. Foster	
Bovina	W. G. Robb	*T. D. Russell
Brooklyn	J. C. Slater	Wm. T. Park
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	
Newburg, First	*J. W. F. Carlisle	*James Greer
New York, Second	R. M. Sommerville	
New York, Fourth		Robert McAfee
Mont Clair		J. W. Pritchard
Walton		E. F. Thomson
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	
	S. R. Wallace	

OHIO.

Belle Center		James A. Templeton
Cedar Lake	C. McLeod Smith	*Theodore McNaughton
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson	D. S. Ervin
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	
Fairgrove	W. J. McBurney	
Jonathan's Creek	**W. R. Piper	
New Concord	**John Coleman	Thomas M. Stewart
Southfield	H. G. Patterson	J. M. Henning
United Miami	R. Hargrave	W. B. Keys
Utica		R. A. Adams
	R. A. Blair	
	*Louis Meyer	

PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, First	T. P. Stevenson	*James R. McMullan
Philadelphia, Second	J. C. McFeeters	S. A. S. Metheny
Philadelphia, Third	R. C. Montgomery	Thomas Boggs

PITTSBURG.

Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	T. H. Martin
Bear Run and Mahon'g.	*E. M. Elsey	
Beaver Falls, First	J. S. Thompson	*J. E. Dodds
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	
College Hill	R. H. Martin	J. W. Wilson
Geneva	H. G. Foster	W. T. Anderson
East End	D. C. Martin	
Little Beaver	J. Renwick Wylie	
Mercer	I. M. Coleman	
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	R. J. Wallace
New Alexandria		S. M. Steel
New Castle		William McClelland

PITTSBURG—Continued.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	
Parnassus	F. M. Wilson	M. G. Euwer
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	Alex. McBride
Rehoboth	*E. M. Elsey	
Slippery Rock	W. O. Ferguson	John McGee
Union	A. Kilpatrick	J. A. Forsythe
Wilkinsburg		R. J. Ward
Youngstown	A. A. Wylie	
	R. C. Allen	
	*J. F. Crozier	
	*R. J. Dodds	
	H. H. George	
	*W. Henry George	
	W. P. Johnston	
	J. S. Martin	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	R. J. G. McKnight	
	W. J. McKnight	
	B. M. Sharp	
	*T. C. Sproull	
	R. C. Wylie	

ROCHESTER.

Almonte	G. M. Robb	J. W. Rose
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	
Syracuse	John Yates	*Charles Dougall
York	J. B. Gilmore	J. W. M. Hart
	W. J. McCullough	

Ministers absent: T. J. Allen, W. C. Allen, J. M. Armour, P. P. Boyd, D. H. Coulter, J. W. Dill, C. A. Dodds, Samuel Edgar, E. G. Elsey, J. C. K. Faris, J. M. Faris, E. J. Feuersohn, F. M. Foster, W. S. Fulton, R. J. Gault, R. J. George,, W. McLeod George, Julius Kemph, George Kennedy, J. M. Littlejohn, Walter McCarroll, J .L. McCartney, T. A. McElwain, A. J. McFarland, Jr., William McFarland, R. J. McIsaac, H. B. McMillan, E. C. Mitchell, W. C. Paden, J. L. Pinkerton, John H. Pritchard, R. C. Reed, A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb, W. M. Robb, T. A. Rusk, J. S. Stewart, J. R. Thompson, D. B. Wilson, J. T. Wilson, *R. E. Wilson.—41.

Congregations not represented:—Adamsville and Middletown, Barnsville, Bellefountain, Brookland and Manchester, Cambridge, Clarksburg, Craftsburry, Eskridge, Hebron, Hickery Grove, Homewood, La Junta, Lake Reno, Lisbon, McKeesport and Monongahela, Third New York, North Union, Oakland, Staunton, St. John, Wahoo, White Lake.—22.

*Not present at first roll call.
**Ordained since last meeting of Synod.

T. H. Acheson was elected Moderator, J. S. Thompson Clerk, and C. McLeod Smith Assistant Clerk.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday, May 25, 8:00 P. M.—Sermon by retiring Moderator and Constitution of the Court.

Wednesday, May 26, 9:00 A. M.—Election of officers; Report of Committee on Order of Business; Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises; Reports of Boards; Church Erection, Sustentation of Executive Committee of National Reform Association and of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

2:00 P. M.—Reports of Boards of Foreign Missions, of Central Board, of Board of Jewish Mission, of Superintendents of Theological Seminary, of Control.

8:00 P. M.—Conference on National Reform.

Thursday, May 27, 9:00 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Psalmody, Testimony Bearing, Temperance, Evangelistic Work, and Report of Stated Clerk.

2:00 P. M.—Reports of Presbyteries of Committees on Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, Systematic Beneficence, and the Sabbath.

8:00 P. M.—Conference on Four-hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of John Calvin, and the Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church.

Friday, May 28, 9:00 A. M.—Report of Synod's Board of Trustees; of the Committee on National Reform, and of the Mission Conference.

2:00 P. M.—Report of the board of Corporators of Geneva College, and of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College; report of the committee on State of Religion.

8:00 P. M.—Conference on Foreign Missions.

Saturday, May 29, 9:00 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Signs of the Times, Secret Societies, Records of Presbyteries and Discipline.

Monday, May 31, 9:00 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Traveling Fund, on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Theological Seminary and Education.

2:00 P. M.—Reports of Committees on Church Erection, Finance, Supplies, Foreign Correspondence.

ROBERT CLARKE,
J. A. BLACK,
E. L. DODDS,
Committee.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presents the following recommendations:

1. That the last half hour of each forenoon be set apart for devotional services.

2. That the following be the list of topics for meditation and prayer:

Wednesday, The presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit during this Session of Synod. Leader, F. M. Wilson.

Thursday, The peace and prosperity of the Church. Leader, J. A. Black.

Friday, Our Home Mission Work. Leader, Robert McAfee.

Saturday, The work of National Reformation. Leader, D. H. Elliott.

Monday, The Gospel in foreign Lands. Leader, S. A. S. Metheney.

Tuesday, The practical results of this Session of Synod. Leader, T. G. Graham.

3. That the greater portion of the time allotted to this service be spent in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. C. WYLIE,
A A. SAMSON,
E. A. CROOKS.

It was ordered that 250 copies of these two reports be printed for the use of the members of Synod.

The certificate of Rev. Henry Paton, M. A., fraternal delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, was read. The delegate was received and invited to sit as a consultative member, and the hearing of the delegate was made the first order of the day for this afternoon.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for consideration.

Item 1. The Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms reported. The report was received, adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on the Uniform Version of the Psalms respectfully report that the Joint Committee failed to meet this last year, as was expected, but that a final meeting seems to be assured for next September or October, when the work done by the United Presbyterian Committee, and those associated with it, will be taken up for review.

We recommend that the Synod continue to co-operate in this revision.

W. J. COLEMAN.
T. P. STEVENSON.

Accompanying this report was the report of the Joint Committee of American and Canadian Churches, which is as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church:—

The Joint Committee of American and Canadian churches on a uniform

Version of the Psalms in Meter beg leave to report, that while they hoped this year to announce their work completed, it will require further time to dispose of it satisfactorily. The work, however, has reached a point which will enable the Committee to prepare their final report by October at the latest. In the meantime they ask once more the continuance of representatives from your church.

WM. J. DEY, Chairman,
Simcoe, Ontario.
J. D. STEELE, Secretary,
Passaic, N. J.

Item 2. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 3. The Permanent Committee on Temperance reported on the matter referred to them by the last Synod. The report was received, adopted and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church: To meet in Chicago, May 1909.

Your Committee directed to report on voting when the question of license or kindred questions are submitted (See Page 24, Minutes of 1908) would respectfully report:

That the two propositions which the church has maintained for years be reaffirmed, viz.: That where no immoral obligation is required in taking office, or where no immoral duty is required when in office, it is the duty of Covenanters to participate in all political action.

These principles of course apply to members of the church in all relations to the Government; and in the case of voting on questions submitted at the polls, neither the nature of the question submitted, nor the fact that we are intensely interested, can change these underlying truths.

That the question should be an important one and the result of deepest interest does not justify in passing by these first principles, or in failing to give them first place, when we are considering the path of duty.

No difference then what the question may be, nor in what way it may be presented, if the recording of our sentiment, for or against the proposition, involves us in declaration, either openly, or by a fair implication, of allegiance to a Constitution that is dishonoring to our Lord, we cannot take part in such action.

This Court cannot undertake to specify in every case what action is right and proper, but would commend to pastors, sessions and individual members the duty of keeping their love to their Lord so warm, that an insult to Him will not be easily passed over, and there will be no inclination to participate in any slight put upon Him.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. CARITHERS,
J. S. McGAW,
M. M. PEARCE,
T. G. GRAHAM,
A. M. MITCHELL.

Item 4. Attended to.

Item 5. Attended to.

Item 6. The Committee on Selection of Additional Meters

of Psalms for a new edition of the Psalter reported. The report was received, adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on selecting Psalms for a new edition of the Psalter respectfully report that we have accomplished only a part of the work submitted to us by the action of the last Synod.

1. We have chosen the versions which we recommend should be retained where the old Scottish version of the Psalms has two meters, and submit the following list: The 6th L. M.; 25th S. M.; 45th C. M.; 50th S. M.; 67th S. M.; 70th S M.; 100th L. M.; 102nd L. M.; 124th C. M.; 136th 8s, 7s; 143rd 6s; 145th L. M.; 148th H. M.

2. We have chosen mostly from the versions adopted by the Joint Committee and published in 1905, the fifty versions other than common meter, together with the ten parts from the 119th Psalm, which we were to select, and we submit the following list for your approval, with the provision that some changes in this list may be submitted to next Synod if the Committee find that alterations made before that time render these more acceptable: 1st L. M., 6 lines; 2nd 7s; 9th 11s; 13th 7s, 6s; 18th L. M.; 19th H. M.; 21st 12s, 9s; 22nd L. M.; 24th 11s; 29th 12s, 11s; 30th 7s, 6s; 33rd C. P. M.; 38th 8s, 7s; 44th 11s, (U. P.); 45th S. M.; 49th 7s; 51st 7s (R. P.); 57th L. M.; 61st C. P. M.; 65th 7s, 6s; 67th 7s, 6s; 68th L. M.; 73d L. M. 74th Elegiac; 77th L. M., 6 lines; 79 Elegiac; 80th 10s; 85th L. M.; 91st L. M.; 92nd L. M. 6 lines; 93rd S. M.; 97th L. M.; 98th 8s, 7s; 101st 7s, 6s; 103rd 8s, 7s; 104th 10s, 11s; 108th S. M.; 111th L. M.; 112th L. M.; 113 7s; 119th I. L. M.; II L. M.; VII 8s, 7s; IX 11s, 10s; XIV L M; XVI 8s, 7s; XVII L. M.; XIX 11s, 8s; XXII L. M.; 124th 10s; 128th 8s, 7s; 130 10s, 4s; 132nd 9, 8, 9, 8; 137th Elegiac—144; 139th L. M.; 146th 8s, 7s; 147th 7s, 6s; 149th 10s, 11s. Some of these versions need to be amended by the substitution of verses from other renditions. The work of amending the common meter of the old Scottish version, where it is defective, by inserting corresponding verses, has not been entered upon, and is a work requiring much time and care.

It is is now probable that the Joint committee on a uniform version of the Psalms in meter will have a final meeting sometime during the coming year and the way should be left open to take advantage of any results that it may reach.

3. We recommend that a Committee locally situated so that it can conveniently get together, be appointed to carry on and complete the work, that it may be ready for a final action at the next Synod.

4. We recommend also that the power of the Committee be somewhat enlarged in the amending of the common meter of the old version, that it may not only substitute verses of the same meter from other versions where desirable, but in a few instances substitute a whole Psalm in the common meter where some specially good version is found, and on the other hand make verbal changes where a defect may be made good by alteration of a few words.

W. J. COLEMAN,
C. D. TRUMBULL,
T. H. ACHESON,
W. J. McKNIGHT,
J. A. BLACK.

It was resolved to continue the work, and the naming of the committee was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 7. The committee to select suitable music for the proposed new edition of the Psalter reported. The report was received and approved, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to make choice of appropriate music for the Psalter respectfully report, that we have completed our work in so far as it relates to the old version of the Psalms.

The task of choosing tunes for the selections made from the new version has not yet been begun.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. WYLIE,
W. J. COLEMAN,
ROBT. A. M. STEEL,
S. A. S. METHENY,
E. L. DODDS.

Item 8. Attended to.

Item 9. Attended to.

Item 10. The resignation of William Browne as a member of the Foreign Mission Board was accepted.

Item 11. The committee to arrange for a conference commemorative of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, and also of the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America recommend the following:

1. That the Conference be held on Thursday evening of the opening week of Synod, May 27th, 1909, beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

2. That the following program of exercises be carried out. To preside, and conduct devotional exercises, the Rev. T. M. Slater.

CALVIN MEMORIAL.

Address: "Calvin and the Doctrine and Worship of the Church." The Rev. A. Kilpatrick, D. D.

Address: "Calvin and Civil Liberty," the Rev. W. J. Coleman, D. D.

SYNOD MEMORIAL.

Address: "The Organization of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America," the Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D.

Address: "A Forecast of the Work of the Reformed Presbyterian Church," the Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D. D.

3. That the period of twenty minutes be the time allotted for each address.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. GEORGE,
J. A. BLACK,
J. C. McCANDLESS,

Item 12. The Special Committee on Expenses of Synod

presented a majority and a minority report. These were laid on the table for the present.

Item 13. Attended to.

Item 14. Attended to.

Item 15. Attended to.

Item 16. Attended to.

Item 17. The Clerk made the following report in regard to printing the Minutes of the Synod of 1908, which was received and adopted:

Following your instructions, 1,000 copies of the Minutes of 1908 were printed and placed in the hands of the Treasurer, J. S. Tibby, for sale. The financial item in connection with this will appear in his report. The following corrections should be made to the published Minutes.

Page 6—To list of absent ministers add the name of W. McLeod George.

Page 13, line 20—For "by the removal of" read "by the death of."

Page 13, line 4, under "Summary" of report of Stated Clerk—"9,404 communicants, an increase of 625" should read "9,504 communicants, an increase of 725."

Page 15—For "August 7, 1907," read "August 12, 1907" as date of installation of J. M. Wylie as pastor of Greely Congregation.

Page 68—Among those voting nay "W. J. McConahy" should read "A. L. McConahy."

Page 75—From item four of report of Committee to confer in regard to the work of the newly elected professor in the Theological Seminary omit the words "Carrying out the suggestion of Prof. Wilson."

Page 117—In Balance Sheet showing condition of different funds the overdraft in National Reform should read $7.66 instead of $1185.76.

Page 124, 8th line from bottom of page—For "its terms of Ecclesiastical Communion" read "Its third term of Ecclesiastical Communion."

Page 137—Total of communicants for Pittsburg Presbytery should be 2127 instead of 2027.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

Item 18. Not attended to. Will be during present year.

Item 19. Attended to.

Item 20. Attended to.

Item 21. Attended to.

Item 22. R. J. G. McKnight reported that he had attended, as fraternal delegate from this Synod, the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, where he was most cordially received, and had the privilege of briefly addressing the Synod on the distinctive principles of our Church.

The item on finance in connection with his report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 23. Attended to.

Item 24. Attended to.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table for the present.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. D. L. McNary, pastor of the Sixth U. P. Church, Chicago.

Messrs. E. L. Dodds, R. A. M. Steele, and S. A. S. Metheny were chosen precentors for the Synod.

Presbyteries were granted permission to hold meetings during the sessions of the Synod.

The invitation of the faculty of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago to the Synod to be their guests for luncheon on Friday was accepted, and the hours from 12 M. to 2.30 P. M. were set apart for this purpose. The pastor of the congregation was authorized to convey to the faculty Synod's acceptance of the invitation and our appreciation of the courtesy.

F. M. Wilson led the Synod in the daily devotions.

J. C. McCandless was granted optional attendance during the sessions of the Synod.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by C. D. Trumbull.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, May 26th, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by Thomas Patton. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: E. A. Crooks, Wm. T. Park, S. R. Wallace, T. P. Stevenson.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. Henry Paton, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Scotland, was introduced by the Moderator and addressed the Synod, conveying the greetings of the Synod which he represented. The Moderator responded to the address, expressing our pleasure at hearing our brother from across the sea.

Papers were called for.

No. 1. Memorial from the Rochester Presbytery. The memorial was read and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the action of last year authorizing the licensure of students of theology at the end of the first year of the Seminary course be rescinded, and that students be licensed as before, at the end of the second term; provided that the action shall not affect the standing of any who have been licensed under that arrangement.

Paper No. 2. Communication from the Anti-Saloon League. The paper was referred to the Permanent Committee on Temperance, to formulate a reply and submit the same to Synod during this meeting.

Paper No. 3. A communication from the Secretary of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, accompanied with the annual report of the Alliance. The paper was referred to a Special Committee.

Paper No. 4. Report of the Board of Directors of the National Reform Association. The report was received and referred to the Committee on National Reform, except so much as relates to finance, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 5. A communication requesting the appointment of delegates to attend the Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. The paper was received and referred to the Special Committee on the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Paper No. 6. Certificate of the appointment of T. P. Stevenson to represent the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches on the floor of this Synod. The paper was received and referred to the same committee.

Paper No. 7. A communication from the National Liberal Immigration League. The paper was received and referred to a Special Committee.

Paper No. 8. A communication from the National Interchurch Temperance Council. The paper was referred to the Permanent Committee on Temperance.

Paper No. 9. A letter from the Reformed Presbyterian

Synod of Scotland. The letter was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to prepare a reply.

Paper No. 10. An invitation to hold the Synod of 1910 at Atlantic City. The paper was received and laid on the table for the present.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES.

Nominations—J. R. Wylie, A. A. Samson, S. G. Conner, E. F. Thomson, Thomas Boggs.

Finance—S. McNaugher, J. S. McGaw, G. M. Robb, J. E. Dodds, David S. Faris.

Traveling Fund—P. J. McDonald and Financial Agents of the Presbyteries.

Theological Seminary and Education—A. J. McFarland, J. B. Gilmore, B. M. Sharp, Alexander McBride, Wm.. T. Park.

Home Missions—W. J. Coleman, J. C. McFeeters, George R. Steel, A. P. Donahu, Thomas J. Edgar.

Foreign Missions—R. C. Montgomery, S. Turner Foster, E. A. Crooks, R. K. Barkley, Thomas H. Martin.

Discipline—R. Hargrave, J. C. Slater, D. S. Faris. T. G. Graham, J. W. Cavan.

National Reform—C D. Trumbull, M. M. Pearce, D. H. Elliott, David Love, M. G. Euwer.

Supplies—J. S. Martin, J. M. Wylie, A. A. Wylie, John Magee, R. A. Adams.

Sustentation and Church Erection—J. M. Coleman, R. J. Gault, J. G. McElhinney, R. J. Ward, J. C. Thompson.

Foreign Correspondence—W. W. Carithers, J. A. Black, Charles Dougall.

Place of Next Meeting—R. C. Montgomery, J. S. Thompson, C. D. Trumbull, S A. S. Metheny, J. W. Cavan.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 23 was taken up. The committee to meet with representatives from other churches to consider the formation of a national Rest Day Association gave the following report:

Your Committee would respectfully report, that representatives from a number of Churches met last December in the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg for the purpose of forming such an Association.

Only one of the members of your committee, Dr. Wylie, was able to be present at any of the sessions.

It was decided to form a National Rest Day Association.

It was decided to ask the American Sabbath Union to make a few changes in its constitution and to become the practical organiza-

tion needed. A committee was appointed to confer with the American Sabbath Union. That Association agreed to change its name to The National Lord's Day Alliance. A few changes were made in its constitution to make it more workable.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SPROULL,
R. C. WYLIE,
Of the Committee.

Item 12 of unfinished business was taken up. The majority report was taken from the table, to be considered item by item for adoption.

Pending the consideration of the first item the majority report was laid on the table to take up the minority report.

The minority report was taken up for consideration as a whole. Pending the consideration of this report the hour for adjournment arrived. Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by D. S. Faris.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, May 27, 9 A. M. Synod met at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: S. G. Conner, Charles Dougall, J. S. McGaw, A. W. Hunter, John Magee.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 11. Report of the Treasurer of the Jewish Mission. The report was referred, without reading, to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 12. Report of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 13. Memorial from T. H. Acheson and others. The memorial was read and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 14. Report of the Board of Church Erection. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection and to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 15. Report of the Financial Agent for National Reform. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 16. Report of the Treasurer of the Literary Fund on Printing of Minutes of Synod of 1908. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 17. Report of Treasurer of Literary Fund. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 18. Report of Synod's Board of Trustees. The report was read and, together with the report of the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Moderator announced the following Committees on Records of Presbyteries:

COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Colorado—J. G. Reed, S. R. Wallace, W. W. Twinam.
Illinois—W. J. McKnight, John Yates, Henry Wallace.
Iowa—H. G. Foster, E. L. McKnight, Robert McClintock.
Kansas—W. J. McCullough, S. T. Foster, Robert McAfee.
N. B. and N. S.—S. J. Crowe, J. M. Johnston, A. W. Hunter.
New York—S. J. Johnston, W. J. Sanderson, S. M. Steele.
Ohio—G. W. Benn, R. J. Dodds, D. S. Ervin.
Philadelphia—E. A Crooks, S. F. Kingston, W. B. Keys.
Pittsburg—S. E. Greer, D. O. Jack, J. B. Grey.
Rochester—Isaiah Faris, D. C. Matthews, James Greer.

Synod resolved to take up the order of business for yesterday afternoon.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Finance.

The Central Board reported. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Home Missions and the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was presented and was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education:

Resolved, that a department of Civil Government in its relation to the Kingdom of Christ be established in the Seminary, and that Dr. R. C. Wylie be appointed to give instruction in this department.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Alliance of Reformed Churches—R. C. Montgomery, Thomas Patton, John C. Slater, R. J. Wallace, S. McLeod Steel.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. The report was read and recommitted that an additional item relating to the singing of the Psalms in family worship might be added.

J. A. Black led the daily devotions.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by S. F. Kingston.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, May 27th, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour and was led in prayer by W. G. Fobb. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: S. G. Conner, W. O. Ferguson, J. M. Henning, A. W. Hunter, D. O. Jack, John Magee, M. M. Pearce, B. M. Sharp and T. P. Stevenson. Members of the Colorado Presbytery were excused from roll call.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted.

Since Rev. R. J. Dodds, who has been a worthy missionary of this church for a period of eighteen years, is now thinking of going on a farm to make some provision for his family, and since he is without means to provide stock and implements that will be necessary, therefore resolved, that he be recommended to the Board of Control for the sum of $300, for this year, if the funds justify.

Papers 19 to 41. Reports of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer. These reports were referred, without reading, to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted. Item 5 was referred to the Committee on Finance. The report was adopted as whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONY BEARING.

The work of Testimony Bearing has been carried on the past year with more than ordinary vigor. The Rev. W. J. McKnight, Synod's lecturer on this subject, has given about two hundred and sixty lectures and sermons on this subject, the most of these occupying a full evening of an hour and a half. The fact that audiences will come night after night bears eloquent testimony, both to the great interest in the subjects presented and to the qualities of the lecturer. Quite a large number of these lectures have been given outside our Church, and those given in our churches have not only helped ourselves, but have also afforded an opportunity of advertising our principles, and of inviting our friends and neighbors to hear them.

Mr. McKnight has given little attention to raising money, but has received nearly enough to meet his expenses, which were about five hundred dollars.

The ingenuity and generosity of our friend, Mr. John W. Pritchard, has provided for free lecture courses, and quite a number of our brethren have signified their willingness to speak without remuneration beyond the high reward of doing the Lord's work. Others of our brethren have agreed to arrange meetings for these speakers, and the whole proposal has been widely advertised. A demand is being created, and a great many people have been caused to think on the subjects proposed by the lecturers. The Rev. R. J. G. McKnight has more than any other taken every occasion to speak for the principles of our Church, and the need which every citizen has for this element of the Christian life. He has lectured on this subject thirty-five times. W. W. Carithers and J. M. Coleman have both given quite a number of addresses on this theme, and it is known that several others have given addresses who have not reported their work.

The only new tract issued this year was the report on Pslamody, adopted and ordered published by last Synod. It was not printed until after the presidential campaign had closed, and has been in great demand ever since. The edition of five thousand is nearly all gone. It seems to have been a stimulus of thought to all who have read it.

The tracts on political loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, on pure worship, and on secret societies were dilligntly sent out in the early part of the year, and some careful advertising widened the demand. Free reading notices secured in many religious papers by request of Mr. Pritchard brought so many requests that quite a section of each week was employed in answering letters and filling orders. We send very few tracts now except to those who order them. The fact that they are sent by request saves them from the waste-basket and secures attention. We could spend a goodly amount of money to great advantage on advertising, on printing, and on postage.

The amount contributed to Testimony Bearing the past year was $2611.97. The amount in the treasury is $1007.00.

We recommend:

1. That the Rev. W. J. McKnight be re-elected Synod's lecturer on Testimony Bearing for the coming year.

2. That our elders be encouraged to arrange for meetings and sermons in which our principles may be presented, and that our ministers prepare themselves, and embrace all such opportunities.

3. That our members be urged to secure the admission of notices of our free library in local and other papers in order to create a demand for our literature.

4. That classes be formed in our congregations wherein our literature may be studied, and our members trained to give an answer when asked concerning our principles.

5. That generous contributions be called for, and that $4,000.00 be appropriated to this work.

W. J. COLEMAN,
JAMES S. TIBBY,
B. M. SHARP,
E. L. McKNIGHT,
J. S. THOMPSON,
OLIVER WYLIE.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken from the table Item 12 of the report was taken up, and Synod resumed the consideration of the minority report.

The minority report was laid on the table to take up the majority report.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was amended and adopted.

Item 3 was amended and adopted.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

Items 6 and 7 were added to the report.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT TO SYNOD BY COMMITTEE ON COST OF SYNOD.

The resolution which called for the appointment of your committee provided that it was "to consider the matters connected with the expenses of the Synod." (Minutes of 1908, page 71.)

This commission is very broad. It includes not only the expenses connected with the journey to Synod, but also the expense of living during the meeting of the Court. Since the custom of entertaining the members of the Synod has passed, and the delegates are expected to pay for their own board, and oftimes lodging also, this item has become about as expensive as the deficit in the traveling fund. Your committee has endeavored to give careful consideration to all the elements involved in this most difficult problem.

There are three ways of conducting the business of the church, naturally suggested by the customs of other Presbyterian churches, and any of these would necessarily result in reducing expenses. One is to have a biennial instead of an annual meeting of the Synod; another is to have delegated meetings; and still another is to have a Western and Eastern Synod, each meeting annually, with a general Synod every two years. The last plan, that of the Western and Eastern Synod, does not find much favor. Our church has tried it before, and it is not eager for its renewal. But the two former plans stand on a different plane. There are many of our most experienced members of the Synod who believe that the business of the church could be transacted just as efficiently if this court met once in two years instead of every year. The church boards, which give such efficient and entirely free service to the interests under their care, could well

transact the business in the interim. While as to a delegated Synod, four of the members of the committee have expressed the belief that the church must inevitably come to such a plan, and that Presbyteries could easily select one representative for each one hundred members, or fraction thereof, thus making a more compact and less expensive Synod of one hundred delegates.

But even those who make these suggestions express at the same time a doubt as to whether the church is ready for such a plan. And there are very many who for various reasons are loath to give up the present annual assembly made up from representatives from all the congregations on this side of the sea. It is the truest kind of democracy to give to every congregation the privilege of being represented in the highest courts of the Church. There are certain advantages gained by it, that in the opinion of many of our most experienced members, far outweigh any monetary considerations. To quote the graphic phrases of one brother, "It would be unwise, in my judgment, to change the present method, expensive and cumbersome as it is. We need to meet frequently, we need to keep acquainted with the spirit of the church, and with each other, we need to keep together, and with all our differences we keep together by being together."

If it be conceded then, that these radical measures can not or should not be passed, the task of your committee is reduced to suggesting better ways of meeting our expenses under the present system. And we are glad to say that we believe that it is possible to reduce the burdens of expense, and also possible to provide better methods for raising money necessary to meet the expense. In the first place it is the opinion of all that the Synod should meet in a central location. At present the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois contain the congregations that are most central, and any of these congregations would prove a good place from a financial standpoint, except those in the large cities. We except the cities because our expenses for the last three years have shown us, that however pleasant it may be to meet with our brethren in the cities, it is expensive to do so. Board and lodging are much cheaper in towns and villages. But we do not think it wise to recommend any hard and fast rules on the subject. There are cases in which Synod, may desire, for particular reasons, to go to a place not central, as to Denver in 1895, or to a large city in the central states as this year to Chicago. We believe that this situation can be best met by the appointment of a committee on the place of meeting. The present method is rather haphazard. Invitations are offered on the floor of Synod, a few questions are asked almost at random, and a vote taken, oftentimes without due consideration. A committee could more carefully examine as to the items of expense.

Furthermore, it may well be doubted if the present way of raising the traveling fund is the best. Thirty cents is asked of each member of the church, whether he be some well-to-do person, who could easily give more, or some head of a family who is poor and has many children to pay for. The trouble is that when a certain sum is announced, the richer persons give just so much and no more. Would it not be better for the pastor to announce the amount required by the congregation, at the rate per member fixed by the Synod, and then let the ideal be encouraged that the members give to this sum according to their ability, as the Lord has prospered them? In other words, endeavor to develop the sense of congregational responsibility for the raising of the fund, just as for the other schemes of the church.

To put these suggestions into more concise and definite form, we recommend:

1. That the selection of the place for the meeting of the Synod be referred each year to a committee appointed by the Moderator, called the committee on place of meeting which shall report its decision to Synod for approval.

2. That the amount per member required for the traveling fund be continued at thirty cents.

3. That the committee on traveling fund settle with all the delegates on the basis of the lowest rate possible to each one.

4. That pastors, when announcing the collection for the traveling fund, state the amount required of the congregation, and ask the members to contribute thereto according to their ability, as the Lord has prospered them.

5. That the officers of the congregations co-operate with the pastor in developing a sense of congregational responsibility for the traveling fund, as well as for the other schemes of the church.

6. That each Presbytery appoint a committee to correspond with delegates, with a view of securing party tickets where it is possible so to do.

7. That super-annuated ministers and those debarred from active service be granted optional attendance at the meetings of Synod.

G. W. BENN,
T. McFALL,
R. C. MONTGOMERY,
J. YATES,
W. J. SANDERSON,
S. J. JOHNSTON,
J. S. McGAW,
W. T. K. THOMPSON,
G N. GREER,
J. S. TIBBY.

The Committee on Psalmody reported the additional recommendation ordered by Synod, and the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

The subject of the Psalms is a very wide one. The phase of it we desire to consider at this time is the use of the Psalms as the manual of Christian praise.

God's purpose in inditing the Psalms was to provide an inspired manual of praise for His people. The Psalms, distinct from all the other books of the Bible, are not only a book of inspired truth, but a book of inspired praise. David, the author of a very large portion of the Psalms, and the one honored of God by having the whole book intimately associated with his name, was inspired to write songs of praise for God's people. And having written in the consciousness that he was a chosen instrument for this purpose, he delivered the Psalms he wrote to the leaders of the praise service to be the people's songs of praise in worshiping God, as we find in the history of Psalms 96, 105, and 106, given in I Chronicles, 16th chapter; and as we further learn from the titles of a large number of the Psalms. The 95th Psalm contains

this exhortation concerning the worship of God, "Let us make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms." The divine authorization of the Psalms as the manual of praise in the Old Testament is further seen in the commands given for their use by such pious leaders as Hezekiah when inaugurating great reforms and revivals, the special aim of which was to have the people return from forgetfulness of God and carefully employ in His service His appointed ordinances. The use of the Psalms in the New Testament is enjoined by the authority of the highest example, in the fact that Christ and His apostles, so far as we know, used only the Psalms in their worship. The hymn which Christ and His disciples sang the night in which the Savior was betrayed students of the Bible are generally agreed was the Hallel of the Passover, consisting of Psalms 113-118. Concerning the singing of those Psalms on that occasion Binnie truthfully observes, that it "may be said to mark the point at which the Psalter passed over from the old dispensation into the new; for it accompanied the celebration of the new ordinance of the Lord's supper as well as the celebration of the expiring Passover." In two passages of the New Testament, Ephesians 5: 19 and Colossians 3: 16, the use of the Psalms is expressly commanded. Since Paul in prescribing the songs to be used by Christians in their religious services designates them "Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs," those who believe in singing hymns of human composition claim that these passages, in addition to authorizing the use of the Psalms, authorize the making and using of such hymns. But as a thorough study of the subject reveals the fact that in the time of Paul the terms "Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" were widely applied to the Psalms, and also that no other hymns and spiritual songs of that period have come down to us, the most consistent and definite interpretation of the reference of the apostle is that he is speaking of the Psalms of the Bible under this three-fold designation. His message to Christians is, not to make songs of praise, but to use those God has provided by His Spirit.

The Psalms being designed and appointed by God as the manual of praise for the church, their perfect suitableness for the purpose is only what we necessarily expect. They are truly religious. To the inspired psalmist we may apply the words which one has used in description of the highest poetic impulse, "God, God, God is the only Muse." The Psalms are pre-eminently spiritual. They also abound in confession of sin and aspiration after holiness. They breathe the spirit of Christ. They are quoted in the New Testament more often than any other book of the Old Testament. Many of these quotations are made to set forth some particular truth concerning Christ, and a considerable number of them are made by Christ Himself. The rare character of the Psalms as songs which give perfect expression to the experiences and aspirations of the believing heart, has been recognized and eulogized times without number, and by the best and most prominent of Christian students, teachers and preachers, past and present. We select several examples. Adam Clarke says, "I know nothing like the book of Psalms. It contains all the lengths, breadths, depths, and heights of Patriarchal, Mosaic, and Christian dispensations." The Oxford Bible Helps describes the book of Psalms in these words: "The product of one, it is the property of two Dispensations, Jewish and Christian." Dr. R. S. MacArthur says, "To this hour the Christian on the mountain top of faith or in the valleys of doubt and despair can find no vehicle of his thoughts so expressive, so simple, so sublime, as these old Psalms." The Home Herald course of Bible study for 1908 says in one of its comments on the Psalms, "They carry us beyond the struggles and sorrows of man. They leave us at Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Calvary and the Empty Tomb."

But just here, notwithstanding the manifest and universally acknowledged excellence of the Psalms as songs of Christian praise, we have to note the fact that at the present day they are almost entirely omitted from the song service of the great majority of Christian denominations. They are used to be true in many congregations at the beginning of the public service in responsive readings. But this cannot excuse from singing them, for the Psalms were not given merely to be read, but to be sung. It should also be noted that the rare suitableness of the Psalms for this devotional exercise of responsive reading which leads to selecting them so commonly for the purpose, shows equally their suitableness to be sung. If space permitted, we might take up for examination some of the reasons given for supplanting the Psalms by uninspired hymns, by those who so do. A brief but conclusive answer, however, to all objections to the Psalms is found in the testimonies to their Christian excellence given by members of these same churches where the Psalms are not used, testimonies from which we have quoted and from which we might further quote practically without limit.

But in the midst of this wide-spread neglect of the Psalms there are some encouragements to be noted. During recent years a number of the most prominent workers in hymn-singing denominations have been led through the consistent testimony of conscientious Psalm-singers to favor a larger use of the Psalms.

In our church's work in behalf of the Psalms we should recognize the great importance of singing them well. The songs that have found their way into the hearts of men have been sung there.

It is imperative that we set the Psalms to appropriate music; then sing them well, and joyfully.

Inasmuch as the singing of the Psalms is recognized in our subordinate standards as a part of family worship, and is proved by long experience to have an important place in family training, we recommend that all our families be exhorted and urged to resist the growing tendency to suffer this good old custom to fall into disuse.

Of the committee.

J. B. GILMORE,
C. McLEOD SMITH,
ISAIAH FARIS,
J. E. WILSON.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. W. B. Stoddard, of the National Christian Association.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance reported. The report was received and amended. The item relating to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church to meet in Chicago, May, 1909. Your committee on Temperance would respectfully report that we have been pursuing the same lines of work that have occupied our attention in the years past. Striving to meet any change in conditions that might arise by some appropriate motto on poster and

seal and thus answer any point made by the liquor forces: For instance when they shouted "personal liberty" we put out a poster Respect for Law and Obedience to Authority, Constitute Personal Liberty. When the shout was raised that it would withdraw so much revenue that it would raise taxes or bankrupt cities we put out posters as follows: A growing Idea—The Most Expensive Money Coming Into the Treasury, is From the Liquor Traffic. To Save a Dollar in Taxes Men Continue the Saloon in Our Midst. That was to shame the man who thought so much of a dollar and so little of a soul; then for the man who had some conscience in the matter we put out this one: In License We Share With The Liquor Seller, The Responsibilities and Evils of His Business.

And to answer the claim that it would ruin the cities we posted this: No Man Ever Grew Rich by Drinking Intoxicants, How Can it Bring Prosperity to a City. We also put out the following: Arguments in Favor of the Liquor Traffic Are Founded on Ignorance, Avarice or Appetite. Liquor Drinking Makes Vice Easy and Virtue Difficult. A Debased Currency is Not as Dangerous to a Nation as Debased Citizens, Saloons Make Them.

When there was a great effort made to clean up and reform the saloon business we put out this one: The Saloon is Inherently Evil and Cannot be Reformed. In order that our position of Honoring Christ as King might be emphasized we put out this one: Christ's Kingdom Cannot Come While We Protect the Liquor Traffic.

Believing that tobacco comes properly before this Committee we have put out two posters touching this habit: Cigarette Smoking is a Mark of Degeneracy. And: If you desire to keep your body clean you will not use tobacco. If it is of value to you to keep your heart and nerves in the best working order you will not smoke or chew.

If you regard the safety of buildings you will not smoke in or around them. If you consider the rights of others you will not use tobacco. This one with the four "Ifs" is especially popular for putting into school rooms.

We have widened our work and aimed to put the posters into every school room in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri and Iowa, during the past winter and while we did not nearly reach as wide as this yet we found openings enough of this kind to keep all our available force busy mailing out packages.

Miss Mary McFarland was employed in mailing out packages and carrying on the correspondence of the Committee at an expense of $100.00.

We put the posters out very generally in all Chautauquas where they did not have a positive rule against all advertising, and also in all Fairs that we could reach, that did not have a like rule.

We also continued the use of the Postal Card Ballot and these were sent out by the thousand during the session of Congress.

Practically all the sentiments used on posters were put on seals or stickers and these were used in many ways and by a continually growing circle of workers.

We regret that these means of increasing public interest and deepening public opinion are not more generally used by our own membership and we would take this occasion to urge all to avail themselves of this means of publicity. We would recommend to Synod the following resolutions:

1st. That all the members be urged to continued diligence in all law-

ful means in combating the liquor traffic, and that all be warned against indulging in a false confidence, that its overthrow is already assured, by the defeats it has suffered.

2nd. That all members be urged to use the printed matter, provided free, by the Committee.

3rd. That it is the mind of Synod that the Church should consider the propriety of inserting a section in the Declaration and Testimony prohibiting the use and traffic in tobacco, and that sessions be required to lay clearly before those joining the Church the great desirability of keeping themselves free from the habit of using tobacco.

4th. That the importance of the work requires that we support it liberally, and that the appropriation be the same as last year.

W. W. CARITHERS,
J. S. McGAW,
M. M. PEARCE,
T. G. GRAHAM,
A. M. MITCHELL.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. The report was received and taken up for consideration. Pending the consideration of the report the hour for adjournment arrived.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock Prayer by J. G. Reed.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Friday. May 28th, 9 A. M. Synod met at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: S. F. Kingston, John Magee, W. G. Robb and T. P. Stevenson.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read, corrected, and approved. Members of Iowa Presbytery were excused for absence from roll call yesterday afternoon. J. C. French was excused, on account of sickness, from attendance on the sessions of the Court. J. W. Sproull was granted optional attendance on account of sickness.

The rule fixing the hour for reconvening at 2 P. M. was suspended for this afternoon, and 2:30 was made the hour.

R. J. G. McKnight was chosen the Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon at the opening of the next Synod.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was made the special order of the day immediately after the noon recess.

Paper No. 42. Complaint and appeal of J. F. Crozier against Pittsburg Presbytery. The paper was received and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The report of the Committee on Evangelistic Work was taken from the table and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5 was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 6 was added to the report.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

In reporting on the subject of evangelistic work, your committee will confine itself to that phase of the church's work which is properly called evangelistic. In a certain sense all preaching of the Gospel is evangelistic work, and all the work of the church bears directly or indirectly upon it. But, strictly, there is a particular kind of work which we designate as evangelistic. It is that work which seeks directly to lead individuals to a personal acceptance of Christ as a Saviour. Its definite aim is to make disciples. We feel it important to emphasize this view of evangelistic work because that conception of it which is less inclusive than this, confining evangelistic work to a special method, is too narrow, and gives an inadequate conception of it; and that view of it which is more inclusive than this, embracing in it all the activities of the church because they are related to it, is too broad, failing to emphasize properly this particular work. We are considering any work, and all work, which aims directly at the reclaiming of lost souls.

Considering the work of the church your committee feels that this line of work is not being as efficiently accomplished as it should be; nor is it up to the level of other branches of the church's work. Last year there were 557 accessions to our church in America. Many of these necessarily represented changes from one congregation to another. Probably the majority of the others were children brought up in the families of our church, and hence not representing an aggressive work in the outlying field of the world. The total, also, was not sufficient to offset the decrease, which was 679. In view of the fact that the great commission of Christ is to "make disciples" this cannot be viewed as a satisfactory result.

There may be some reason for this small result in the fact that it is specially difficult to lead those who have been reared outside our church into its fellowship. Our distinctive position in regard to voting, and secret societies; our simple scriptural worship ,contrasting with the elaborate service and attractive music offered elsewhere; the high plane of Christian living which our church requires; together with the unspirituality of the present age, and the tendency to be attracted by superficial things, all make the work difficult. And in so far as the small results of our labors are due to these causes we ought not to

be discouraged. Therein we may trust the Master will not condemn us. But these things do not make the work impossible of larger results than we have yet accomplished. If we plead that our small accomplishment is because we are a peculiar people, then certain sects in our country which are rapidly increasing, though they require a peculiarity which they even make conspicuous, will rise up and condemn us. They overcome the difficulty, and we can. If we plead that it is because of the difficulty of preaching our doctrines, then the leaders of the great religious cult of our time, who have led such great numbers to accept the most impossible teachings to which were ever given the name of either science or Christianity, will rise and condemn us. They exploit errors; we can teach the truth. If we plead the unspirituality of our age, then the Apostles, who planted the first churches among the Greecian and Roman cities, which were the moral plague spots of the ancient world, will condemn us. They penetrated the darkness; we have the same light. Somehow, faithful as we may be, honest as may be our intentions, courageous as many are in opposing the evils of our day, we are not as successful as we should be in gathering the fruits of our labors, and especially in leading converts into the fellowship of our own church. We need training to become more efficient fishers of men, and we need the confidence and aggression which will enable us to fill up the depleted ranks of our church with those whom we have brought to Christ. We need experience in reclaiming the unsaved, and our people need the enthusiasm of victory in winning souls, and the acquired skill of patient effort. We have abundance of the evangelistic spirit and we have many qualifications for the work, but we need the ability that accomplishes, and the tact and skill which mean salvation to lost souls, and which hold the potency, and promise of a growing church.

As one definite step toward these things your committee would recommend the appointment of a permanent committee on Evangelistic Work. It is after having this proposition before us in correspondence during most of the year that the recommendation is made. We know that the church has always been reluctant about entering upon any course which might encourage among our people the objectionable features of present evangelism. As evangelistic services have been conducted in the past they have too often been expensive, sensational, unspiritual, and unproductive of any lasting result. Such movements have been recently characterized as, "evangelism, with God left out." Our church has never encouraged such services, and it is not our purpose to recommend entering upon them now. In the first place it is not intended that such a committee shall have reference solely to holding evangelistic services. It will have an important work to do in advancing all those interests which contribute toward successful efforts to reach the unsaved, and to lead them into the fellowship of our church; to encourage congregations in evangelistic efforts; and to magnify in every way the divine requirement of a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as a Saviour as a condition of salvation. Also, beyond this, we believe that such a committee can secure special evangelistic services among our congregations without their objectionable features. Special services of this kind are certainly not wholly to be condemned. Experience has shown a place for them. It is evident that times of special refreshing and reviving are natural, and are used by the Holy Spirit, and ought to be fostered by the church; that a quickening of the spiritual life is possible in special seasons of devotion and effort; that under the inspiration of such services decisions are made which are lasting; that such services need not result in a spiritual lassitude when they are over but may result in

an increased zeal which will continue. There is a place and a proper use in the church for such services. As a single illustration of this the experience of the First Beaver Falls congregation may be given. For fifteen years that congregation maintained its work in the Sabbath school on Patterson Heights. At the end of that time the results of the work seemed so small that it was even proposed to abandon the field. It was instead determined, however, to make a stronger effort to accomplish results. The pastor of the congregation arranged for preaching every Sabbath evening, and a communion was appointed to be held there, to be preceded by a series of special services. As the result of those services eighteen were added to the church. These were mostly those who had the training of the Sabbath school, but who had never been strongly pressed to a decision. Such services have been held there each year since, and within the last two years fifty have made their decision for Christ, and the most of them have been received into the fellowship of the Covenanter church. Now that congregation has as its greatest congregational enthusiasm the work in that field, and has been blessed in many ways by it. Such things are possible in other places, and our church cannot afford to miss them. A permanent committee could multiply the holding of such services in our church.

Such a committee would need some funds at its disposal, and we believe the church will be glad to support the work to the small amount necessary for a beginning. Experience shows that such a work usually carries itself financially when it is once started, but the work ought not to be allowed to have to carry its own financial burdens. It should be supported by the church.

We recommend:

I. That a Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work be appointed by this synod.

II. That the committee consist of the following members: J. S. Thompson, chairman; J. R. Wylie, R. H. Martin, James Scott and J. E. Dodds, these members to serve for a term of three years.

III. That an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the coming year from the Domestic Mission Fund be placed at the disposal of the committee.

IV. That the committee be empowered to secure one or more of our ministers to give part time to holding evangelistic services among our congregations, or wherever such services may be arranged by the session or by the committee.

V. That whatever funds the committee secures from its work be returned to the source from which its funds were drawn.

VI. That each member of the Covenanter church shall be expected to devote one week each year, without expecting financial remuneration, to special evangelistic work, if called upon to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
M. M. PEARCE,
J. R. WYLIE,
W. J. SANDERSON,
J. A. McATEER,
J. R. KENNEDY.

Reports of Presbyteries were received.

N. B. and N. S.—Referred to the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Supplies, and the Board of Control.

Illinois—Referred to the Committee on Supplies and the Board of Control.

Ohio—Referred to the Committee on Supplies and the Board of Control.

Pittsburg—Referred to the Committee on Supplies, the Committee on Discipline, and the Board of Control.

Iowa—Referred to the Committee on Supplies and the Board of Control.

Kansas—Referred to the Committee on Supplies and the Board of Control.

Philadelphia—No reference.

Rochester—Referred to Committee on Supplies and the Board of Control.

Colorado—Referred to Committee on Finance, Committee on Home Missions, Committee on Supplies, and the Board of Control.

New York—Referred to Committee on Supplies and Board of Control.

The daily devotions were led by Robert McAfee.

Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M. Prayer by Thomas H. Martin.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Friday, May 28th, 2:30 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour and was led in prayer by T. G. Graham. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Before taking up the report of the Committee on National Reform, which was the special order of the day, the Synod engaged in a season of prayer, led by A. A. Samson and P. J. McDonald.

The report of the Committee was received, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1 was amended and adopted.

Item 2 was laid on the table for the present.

Pending the discussion of Item 3, the hour for adjournment arrived.

Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. B. Gilmore.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Saturday, May 29th, 9 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by J. C. McFeeters. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: E. A. Crooks, D. S. Faris, W. O. Ferguson, John Magee, G. R. McBurney, W. J. McBurney, Louis Meyer, M. M. Pearce and J. Renwick Wylie.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and approved.

The invitation to Synod to hold the meeting of 1910 at Atlantic City was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 to 6 were adopted.

The report was laid on the table until Monday morning.

The members of the Colorado Presbytery were excused for absence from roll call this morning, and A. Kilpatrick was excused until Monday afternoon.

Paper No. 43. The report of the Board of Sustentation. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

The report of the Stated Clerk was read, corrected, and is as follows.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

Statistics from May 1st, 1908 to May 1st, 1909.

There are reported this year 114 Congregations, 7 Mission Stations, 137 ministers, one of whom is a Greek, 15 Licentiates, one of whom is a Greek, 7 students of Theology, 2 of whom have been licensed, 9503 Communicants, an increase of 602 and a decrease of 670, 8691 in at-

tendance at the Sabbath schools, and 1899 at the Young People's Societies, and $213,772, of total contributions.

Congregations—79 have pastors, four congregations and one mission station are supplied by unsettled ministers, and one by a pastor, one, Oakland, Cal., was organized into a congregation by a commission of Colorado presbytery, Jan. 27, 1909; two were disorganized; Holmwood, Kansas presbytery, August 23, 1908, and Canon City, Colorado presbytery, March 24, 1909. The number is 114—one less than last year.

Mission Stations.—The number is seven, three more than reported a year ago. Holmwood and Canon City, having been disorganized as congregations, are reported as Mission Stations; Content, Canada, is reported by Colorado Presbytery in this list.

Ministers.—There were one ordination, two ordinations and installations, 5 installations, 4 dissolutions of the pastoral relation, one dismission on certificate of standing. An increase of two.

John Coleman was ordained and installed pastor of New Concord congregation by Ohio presbytery, September 2, 1908. Robert W. Piper ordained and installed pastor of Jonathan's Creek congregation, by a commission of the same presbytery on October 10, 1908. Robert E. Willson was ordained to go as a missionary to Syria at Sharon by Iowa presbytery on September 10, 1908. S. G. Shaw was installed pastor of West Hebron congregation by a commission of New York presbytery, February 23, 1909. R. C. Reed by the same presbytery, pastor of Cambridge congregation, on April 20,1909; James T. Mitchell pastor of Beulah congregation, Kansas presbytery, June 24th, 1908. E. L. McKnight, July 28th, 1908, pastor of Olathe congregation same presbytery, and J. G. McElhinney, pastor of Quinter congregation same presbytery October 16th, 1908.

The pastoral relation between W. A. Paden and Holmwood congregation was dissolved by Kansas presbytery, on August 25th, 1908; between G. W. Benn and Cambridge congregation by New York presbytery, on October 27th, 1908; between J. S. Martin and New Castle congregation, by Pittsburg presbytery, January 26th, 1909; between R. C. Reed and Walton congregation, April 20, 1909; between R. C. Wylie and Wilkinsburg congregation, October 13, 1908.

Three pastors have double charges.

Of the ministers without charges, 4 are stated supplies, 11 are foreign missionaries, 2 are laboring under the direction of the Central Board, 3 are Professors in the Theological Seminary, 3 in Geneva College, 2 are engaged in reform work, one in Sabbath School work, one in Testimony Bearing, one is Field Secretary of Jewish Mission Work, 4 are unable to engage actively in the work of the ministry, 6 are engaged for part of the time in secular callings. The time of the others is at the disposal of Synod.

Communicants.—Kansas, Colorado, and Rochester Presbyteries, the Chinese mission and 40 congregations report a net increase, the other Presbyteries, 52 congregations and the Syrian mission a net decrease, 13 make no report, and 8 the same number as last year. The returns from two are estimated, or taken from the last year's report. There is a net decrease of 68 of the church in America.

Contributions.—An increase of contributions is reported in the southern mission of $335; Indian, $469; Theological Seminary, $25; Church Erection, $7,462; Testimony Bearing, $534; Salaries, $2,503; total, $280. A decrease in the Syrian Mission of $3,207; Chinese, $971; Home, $2,236; Jewish, $426; Sustentation, $10; National Reform, $394; Aged Ministers' Fund, $166; Widows and Orphans' fund, $578, and Miscellaneous $4,309.

The number of parsonages is the same as reported last year, 23.

J. W. SPROULL, Stated Clerk.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held one regular meeting, and one pro-re-nata meeting during the year.

We have ten ministerial members on our roll, some of whom are pastors, J. T. Wilson and J. M. Armour, are superannuated, H. B. McMillan, is laboring under the auspices of the Weld county, Colorado, S. S. Association. We have eight congregations under our care.

The call from La Junta on E. A. Crooks has been accepted.

Canon City Congregation was disorganized March 26th, 1909, Oakland Congregation was organized January 27th, 1909.

Matthew McMillan, a second year student in theology, is under our care.

The salary of Kate McBurney, our Missionary to China, is paid in full.

In regard to the work at Oakland, we deem it wise to carry on the Chinese school separate from that of the congregation, and that a suitable person be chosen to superintend the Chinese work, the school to be under the care of the minister in charge of the congregation.

For this Mission we ask the sum of $850.

W. C. Allen is appointed stated supply of Oakland congregation until the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Content and Canon City, are our Mission Stations. Regina, Canada is also a promising field calling for help.

J. M. Armour is recommended to the Board of Control for aid; also Miss Anna George, daughter of Rev. W. F. George.

Our traveling fund is full.

We ask Synod for the re-establishment of a Bureau to keep in touch with members of our church moving from the bounds of their home congregations, and that T. M. Slater, be appointed to have charge of this work.

I. A. Blackwood is chairman of committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRENCH, Clerk

REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

During the last year we have held two regular meeting. We have nine congregations under our care, six of which have settled pastors. The Rev. D. C. Mathews resigned his pastoral charge of Princeton congregation May 27, 1909, having accepted the call of the Old Bethel congregation. He is to be installed soon by the Ad Interim Commission.

We have 10 ordained ministers. On account of advanced age, the Rev. D. S. Faris is not actively engaged in any ministerial work. The Rev. E. A. Crooks has been certified to the Colorado Presbytery. The Rev. J. G. Reed as superintendent of our Southern Mission has resigned and his full time is at the disposal of Synod.

The usual days of Thanksgiving and Fasting were observed by all of our congregations. Our traveling fund is paid in full. W. S. Fulton is chairman of the Committee on Supplies. The Rev. D. S. Faris and Miss Anna George are recommended to the Board of Control for their share of its funds. We ask for the fll time of one laborer.

G. W. Benn was received by certificate on May 27, 1909, from New York Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod we have held only one meeting, the Interim Commission being able to attend to all business requiring immediate attention. There are nine congregations under the care of the Presbytery, four of which, Hickory Grove, Vernon, Washington and Lake Reno, are without pastors. There are ten ordained ministers on the roll, five of which are without pastoral charge: J. A. Black, of Chicago; J. M. Littlejohn, who is engaged in secular pursuits in Chicago; W. M. Robb, missionary to China; Robert E. Wilson, missionary to Syria, and J. R. W. Stevenson, who was released from the care of Lake Reno congregation by the Interim Commission of the Presbytery May 4th, last. Two students of theology are under the care of Presbytery: H. S. McConaughy, who has completed his second year in the Seminary. On September 9th, he appeared before the Presbytery and received the special license to preach and teach authorized by the Synod of last year. On May 4th, last, he was given a regular license to preach by the Interim Commission of the Presbytery. Also Frank Allen who has completed his first year at the Seminary and on May 4th, last, was given the special license authorized by Synod of last year by the Interim Commission of the Presbytery.

In harmony with your instructions Robert E. Wilson was ordained to the gospel ministry at Sharon, September 10th, 1908, and his name appears on our ministerial roll. He has been sent by the Board of Foreign Missions to Mersina, Asia Minor.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to Synod's Stated Clerk. One student of theology, H. S. McConaughy, is recommended to the Board of Control for aid from the Student's Aid Fund, and Misses Emily and Juliet Cannon, of Morning Sun, for a share in the fund for Widows and Children of deceased ministers.

T. C. Sproull is appointed as stated supply for Hickory Grove for four months. The full time of J. R. W. Stevenson and the time of H. S. McConaughy till Seminary opens is at the disposal of Synod.

Presbytery asks for the full time of one and one-half laborers for the coming year.

Our traveling fund is full.

J. S. McGaw is chairman of the Interim Commission. G. A. Edgar is chairman of the Interim Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

S. TURNER FOSTER, Clerk.

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

The Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report: Since the last meeting of Synod Kansas Presbytery has held one regular meeting, and five meetings by Commission.

We have eighteen congregations and one Mission Station under our care. On the roll of our Presbytery there are eighteen ministers, and four licentiates. Licentiate S. M. Morrow who completed his theological course a year ago, has been attending Princeton the last year; Licentiates J. D. Edgar and W. A. Aikin, finished their course in the seminary this year. J. D. Edgar has been engaged by W. W. McCarroll to teach in the mission school in Cyprus. T. C. McKnight, a student of Theology, having completed his first term in the seminary, was licensed at Denison, Kansas, May 12th, 1909. Of our ministers, ten are pastors, two are stated supplies, one a missionary in Syria, and

five are without charge. J. G. McElhinney was received from Pittsburg Presbytery, and A. A. Samson from Ohio Presbytery.

J. T. Mitchell was installed pastor of Beulah Congregation June 24, 1908.

E. L. McKnight was installed pastor of Olathe Congregation July 28, 1908.

J. G. McElhinney was installed pastor of Quinter Congregation October 16, 1908. R. A. Paden was at his own request given a letter of standing April 10th, 1909. A. A. Samson was installed pastor of Topeka Congregation April 16th, 1909.

There are stated supplies at Cache Creek Congregation and at Lieb Mission Station. Nine of our congregations have pastors; eight are vacant.

A call from Kansas City on Licentiate Elmer Russell has been accepted, and arrangements have been made for his ordination, and installation in the near future.

A call is pending on Licentiate W. A. Aikin from Eskridge.

So far as is known to us the usual days of Thanksgiving and Fasting were observed in all our congregations. Possible applicants for aid from the Board of Control are D. H. Coulter from Aged Ministers' fund and T. C. McKnight from the students' Aid Fund.

The whole time of J. W. Dill, Isaiah Faris, G. R. McBurney, James McCune, W. C. Paden and Licentiate W. A. Aikin from June to August inclusive, and the time of T. C. McKnight for May, 1910, is at the disposal of Synod.

We ask the time of five men for the coming year.

Our Traveling Fund is reported full.

W. T. K. Thompson is chairman of the committee on Supplies.

Our Statistical report was forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk in due time.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. McKNIGHT, Clerk.

REPORT OF N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of N. B. and N. S. would respectfully report that we have held one meeting during the year.

We have three congregations, two of which are without pastors. The congregation of St. John asks for supply of the pulpit during the year, and $400 aid to help to pay the same.

The congregation of Barnsville asks for supply during four months in the summer, and aid to the amount of $10 a week for the time they have preaching.

We recommend Mrs. Margaret Lawson to the Board of Control for her share in the Widows and Orphans' fund.

Respectfully submitted.
R. A. H. MORROW, Clerk.

THE REPORT OF THE NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year we have had two regular meetings and one meeting pro-re-nata.

On February 23, 1909, S. G. Shaw was received from Ohio Presby-

tery and installed pastor of West Hebron congregation. On April 20, 1909, R. C. Reed was released from the pastorate of Walton congregation and installed pastor of Cambridge congregation. A call from the Kansas City congregation upon licentiate, Elmer Russell has been accepted, and Mr. Russell certified to Kansas Presbytery. T. A. McElwain has been certified to Pittsburg Presbytery. On October 27, 1908, G. W. Benn was released from the pastorate of Cambridge congregation, and has since been certified to the Illinois Presbytery.

Nineteen congregations are under our care of which six are without pastors. These are Craftsbury, Kortright, Mont Clair, Fourth New York, Ryegate and Walton. D. C. Faris is stated supply at Ryegate. Fourth New York has issued a call upon J. S. McGaw. We enroll nineteen ministers, of whom thirteen are pastors, three are in the foreign mission field, one is disabled, one is engaged in secular work, and one is filling appointments. We have one theological student.

The following persons are recommended to the Board of Control: John M. Rutherford, for a share in the Students' Aid Fund, Miss Lizzie Williams and Mrs. Rosamond Johnston for share in fund for Widows and Orphans, and, at the initiative of Presbytery, W. M. George for participation in the Aged Ministers' fund.

The whole time of S. R. Wallace is at the disposal of Synod. We require the time of two laborers.

R. C. Reed is chairman of the committee on supplies

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time.

Our Traveling Fund is full.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. SHAW, Clerk pro tem.

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

There are thirteen congregations, and one mission station under our care. These congregations have a membership of 823. Three of the congregations are without a pastor. Three of our ordained ministers, and one licentiate are without charges.

The full time of Lewis Meyer, being taken up in religious work in behalf of the Jews, he does not wish any appointments from the committee of supplies.

E. C. Mitchell is one of our missionaries in China.

R. A. Blair is at present lecturing in the interests of the mission in China under the direction of the foreign mission board.

The full time of Bruce Elsey is at the disposal of the Synod. The Presbytery has had one regular meeting during the year. John Coleman was ordained and installed over New Concord congregation, September 2, 1908.

Robert W. Piper was ordained and installed over Jonathan's Creek congregation, October 16, 1908.

W. J. McBurney was installed over Fair Grove May 21, 1909.

Mrs. K. E. Smith, Mrs. Susan Love and Mrs. Walter Wilson have been recommended for aid from the Widows and Orphans' fund.

Presbytery asks for the full time of one laborer.

D. O. Jack is chairman of the committee on supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. PATTERSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year one special and two regular meetings were held. The following are the changes in the roll: T. A. McElwain was received from New York Presbytery and W. H. George from Iowa Presbytery; E. L. McKnight and J. G. McElhinney were transferred to Kansas Presbytery; Licentiate John Coleman was certified to Ohio Presbytery.

The following changes have taken place in the pastoral relations: R. C. Wylie was released from the Wilkinsburg congregation to accept a professorship in the Seminary on October 13, 1908; J. S. Martin was released from the New Castle congregation on January 26, 1909 to engage in National Reform work; B. M. Sharp was released from McKeesport and Monongahela congregation on May 11, 1909.

The names of 42 ministers appear on our roll. Of these twenty are pastors, two having double charges, two are foreign missionaries, three are professors in the Theological Seminary, three are professors in the college, two are engaged in National Reform work, one is engaged in Testimony Bearing work and five are living in retirement.

No students were licensed during the year. Our licentiates are Paul Coleman, Frank D. Fraser, Walter C. McClurkin, Owen F. Thompson, A. A. Johnston, Raymond D. Taggart and W. M. Milroy.

The full time of the following is at the disposal of Synod:

R. J. Dodds, A. J. McFarland, F. D. Fraser, W. C. McClurkin, Paul Coleman, Owen F. Thompson, A. A. Johnston, R. D. Taggart, R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, J. F. Crozier, T. A. McElwain, J. L. McCartney, T. C. Sproull, B. M. Sharp.

Presbytery asks full time of two laborers.

J. S. Thompson is chairman of the committee of supplies.

Our quota to Synod's Traveling Fund is full.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod at the proper time.

The following were referred to Board of Control: Mrs. Charles Clyde, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. Nancy Reed and Rev. J. C. K. Faris.

Respectfully submitted,

R.J.McKNIGHT,Clerk.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year two regular meetings were held. At the meeting held May 4, 1909, Mr. E. J. Feuersohn was ordained to the office of the ministry. At the same meeting, Mr. Fred B. Limerick, student of Theology, was, at his own request, dismissed from the care of Presbytery. We have three congregations, each supplied with a pastor.

A National Reform convention, arranged by a committee from the three congregations, was held on April 20, afternoon and evening. The program, in part, is as follows: Afternoon session—Address, "The Lord's Day and the National Welfare"; address, "The Christian Reformation of Our Divorce Laws"; evening session—Address, "A Christian Government and the War System of the World"; address, "The Bible in the Public Schools."

These subjects were ably discussed by those to whom they had

been previously assigned. At each of the sessions, there was also general discussion, and the adoption of resolutions, in which the Fundamental Principles of the National Reform Association and the necessity of a Christian Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, were strongly emphasized.

In response to an appeal for help for the Refugees in Syria and Asia Minor, our three congregations made an offering of nearly one thousand dollars.

The Third church has pledged over one thousand dollars for City Mission work, and has a Missionary now in the field. Work in all the congregations is encouraging.

Our Statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings during the last year. On May 4, 1909, W. J. McCullough was released from the pastorate of the Lisbon congregation. This release was given at the request of Mr. McCullough because of sickness in his home which was making necessary an indefinite absence from his work.

There are five congregations under our care, and there is one Mission Station. One congregation is without a pastor. We have two ministers without charge, Wm. McFarland and W. J. McCullough. The full time of both is at the disposal of Synod.

Robert Park was licensed by the Presbytery on May 4, 1909, at Syracuse, New York, his time for the summer months is at the disposal of Synod. We recommend him to the Board of Control for share in the Students' Aid Fund.

We ask for the half time of one laborer. We report our Traveling Fund in full. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

J. R. Latimer is the chairman of our Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN YATES, Clerk.

The following paper was read and referred to the Committee on Discipline:

The Kansas Presbytery directed the Moderator to move that Synod direct Kansas Presbytery to proceed with the ordination of J. D. Edgar, who goes to Cyprus as a teacher in the Mission School.

The following resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Discipline:

Resolved, That the action taken by the Synod of 1877, concerning preaching by ministers of other denominations in our pulpits, be reaffirmed, and that the attention of pastors and sessions be called to this action.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College presented their report, transmitting to Synod the report of the Board of Trustees, both of which were read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and to the Committee on Finance.

The Mission Conference made a partial report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The further consideration of the report of the Committee on National Reform was made the special order of the day for Monday, at 10 A. M.

The Committee on Young People's Societies reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

According to the records of last year, we have 60 young people's societies with an enrollment of 1,951. This number is exclusive of Junior organizations and mission bands. 53 congregations are therefore without a young people's organization. A number of conditions enter into the no-society problem. In some of our congregations the fewness of the young people, together with their scattered condition, render an organization impracticable if not impossible. In others, where excellent opportunities exist, the absence of an organization is due to a lack of leadership. In others still, an effort is made to erase the line of demarcation between the young and the old, and to harmonize the work of all ages together. While the success of this plan may be satisfactory in one congregation, it will utterly fail in another, because the difference and inexperience of the young naturally causes them to shrink from taking an active part in the presence of their superiors in age and experience.

The young people's society is one of the recruiting stations of the church. The earlier the training and discipline begin, and the more thorough the work on the drill ground, the more efficient soldiers of the cross there will be in the regular army.

By correspondence with these various stations a healthful condition was gnerally found to exist. The sons and daughters of the church are drilling. Some, it is true, seem to be encamped on The Enchanted Ground whose air tends to make one drowsy, but the larger number appear to be wakeful and progressive.

Many lines of study have been taken up during the year. Some have studied the Testimony, some the Confession of Faith, some our distinctive principles, others the Covenant of '71, and other still followed a course of systematic Bible study. The societies which have engaged in some such study report that Christian giving and loyalty to the church is increasing, or is already to a high degree satisfactory. No society reported that loyalty to our church was on the decrease. The indications are that there is constant growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are two lines of work which should engage the attention of all our youth: namely, missionary and reform.

First, the missionary: During the past year there were reported 16 missionary study classes, with a total enrollment of 323, holding in all about 160 sessions. In addition to these a special study was followed by a number of ladies' missionary societies, which are aside from the province of this report. The text books used were as follows: "The Unfinished Task," "The Moslem World," "Aliens or Americans," "The Uplift of China," "The Challenge of the City," "Princely Men in the Heavenly Kingdom," and the "Missionary Reports of Synod." In the majority of cases these classes were led by the pastor. All reported beneficial results as follows: a greater knowledge of the world's need," "Added Zeal for the Cause of Christ," "Increased Responsibility," "Prayer," "Liberality," "Information," "Inspiration" and "Consecration," etc. The fruits of such a study amply justify the effort and the mission study class should be encouraged.

A number of societies report work done along evangelistic lines. Some in connection with the Sabbath School, both in mission stations and in their own congregations; some in personal work, and others in special evangelistic services, where splendid results were obtained. The effort in this department of work is not yet all we should desire. The majority of societies report nothing done along these lines, while all around them are immortal souls "without God and without hope in the world." There is need here that pastors, and other efficient leaders, shall concentrate the organized effort of the youth upon soul saving at home, as well as in foreign lands.

Second, Reform: The constitutional disloyalty of our nation to the King of kings has every where sown the seeds of spiritual death. The ignoring of Christ and His Word from our fundamental law, has given rise to the enactment of statute laws in dishonor to our ruling Lord. A vast amount of literature has been published by the National Reform Association and Our Testimony Bearing committee designed to educate the people on these vital questions. A number of societies report the distribution of tracts, temperance posters, and other literature along reform lines. It is a work that all our young people can do, and a special literature or reform committee can do much in advancing the interests of the Kingdom.

Furthermore there is a field of opportunity in arranging for conventions and conferences along the lines of reform. A man with a message can be found ready to present it wherever the way is open to receive it.

While work has been done along these lines, and while some societies have nobly served the Master in these fields, we would not overlook the fact that many societies report nothing done along either of the lines referred to above.

Some one has said that there are three classes in the church: the workers, the shirkers and the jerkers. The workers are the ones who can always be depended upon whenever there is special work to be done. The shirkers are those who "never have time," and the jerkers are the ones who will push very enthusiastically until the new wears off, and then they take for the nearest shade tree to rest. We believe that the majority of our youth are workers, and many are ready to fall into the ranks whenever the leader gives the orders to march, and goes on before them himself.

We would recommend:

1. That our young people be encouraged to undertake something definite along the lines of evangelistic work.

2. That the distribution of reform literature be commended.

3. That pastors and sessions commend and encourage the organization of mission study classes.

4. That the Board of Foreign Missions suggest a text book for mission study for the coming year.

5. That the following special subjects be studied in place of the regular topics on the dates mentioned below:

September 26, Psalms versus uninspired hymns in worship, Ps. 95: 2; Col. 3: 16. "Psalms versus hymns" is recommended for this study.

October 24, the human voice versus instruments of music in praise. Heb. 13: 15.

We would recommend for this study the tract No. 11, "Instrumental Music in the Worship of God."

November 28, the Church versus the lodge. Eph. 5: 11. Tract No. 14.

December 19, the relation of the Christian to the ballot box. II. Cor-6: 17, 18. Tract No. 5.

6. That pastors make special preparation in view of making these special subjects popular with our youth. And that the committee for next year ascertain to what extent these recommendations have been carried out.

D. H. ELLIOTT,
T. S. TRUMBULL,
G. R. STEELE,
W. O. FERGUSON.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 to 4 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

1. The School. The Sabbath school occupies a unique place in the church's work. It is not a prayermeeting, not a missionary service, not a preaching service. Its place is not filled by the sermon, not even by the expository sermon. It is the only opportunity that the congregation has for direct, informal, conference concerning the truths of the Bible. It is the congregation's Bible School. It is a place for inquiry, for study, for familiar intercourse between teacher and pupil. The Sabbath school is a body divided into little organized groups for the study of the way of life. It is a training school for congregational membership and work, for the church at large, and for the world.

2. The Superintendent. The superintendent need not be a highly educated man, nor a fluent talker, but he does need to be a spiritual man, a man well-informed in the Scriptures, a man of prayer, a man of system and business ability, and a man of tact and common sense. To be able to announce a Psalm, to read a portion of Scripture, and to lead in prayer, are not the full requisites of a good superintendent. There are some most excellent superintendents, but one reason why others do not succeed so well is that they are not so interested, persistent, and aggressive in their Sabbath School work as they are in their daily business. In fact some, yes many, superintendents would fail in their ordinary business, if it were prosecuted in the same way

as that in which they conduct their Sabbath School work. This position, however, in the school, is one with peculiar difficulties, and the superintendent should be heartily sustained by the prayer and co-operation of his fellow-workers.

3. The Text-Book. The one great text-book of the school is the Bible; not the quarterly, not the religious paper. The school is not a place for the study of geography, or history, or orientalisms, although these must receive subordinate attention because of their relation to the meaning of the Bible. No other text-book, of course, can equal it in accuracy, profundity, or importance. Its meaning cannot be grasped by a cursory reading in the class, nor by a fifteen-minute study at home. He who will comprehend it must spend time. He who digs will get.

We urge our children to careful and prolonged preparation for the public school, but we do not so require them to get ready for the Bible school. The superficial study so often given to the Sabbath School lesson is discreditable to ourselves and disrespectful to the Word of God.

4. The Exercises. The Sabbath School is not a place for the practice of music, for the exhibition of children, or for long talks, but for devotion and study. Opening and closing exercises should be brief and varied. A long prayer hurts the Sabbath School even more than it does the preaching service. When there are many children, and specially mission pupils, a brief selection of Psalms with but one tune for each selection, seems particularly important. It is hardly necessary here to refer to the use of the black-board, chalk illustrations, charts and maps. Some of these suggestions will seem mere platitudes; but it is manifest that there is a sad failure to employ these methods persistently and thoroughly in our schools.

That school, let us recognize keenly, cannot be a highly successful school which does not follow with some degree of stedfastness a graded system. We much fail here. We fail lamentably. The more or less haphazard arrangement of many of our schools is hopelessly inadequate. If classes are not systematized, and pupils required to meet certain tests of progress, much less substantial good will be done.

Above everything else, as to the nature of the exercises, a good, solid thirty or forty minutes should be set aside and guarded for quiet and uninterrupted study of the lesson. Let the man who comes in with a long speech sit still in some class, and learn with the others.

5. The Teacher. More depends upon the teacher than upon any other person in the school. Good teachers are absolutely necessary to a good school. The teacher should be pre-eminently spiritual, but mere goodness does not make a teacher. He should, like the superintendent, have intelligence and common sense. He should have a fair knowledge of the Bible and should be willing to study. The person who cannot find at least an hour or two during the week for careful study should not assume charge of a class of immortal souls. The instructor who is irregular or tardy should reform or resign. A man, or woman, cannot be a teacher for merely one hour in the week. He is constantly teaching by example; and prayer, and plan, and study, should receive frequent attention.

The position of teacher is most important, responsible and difficult. No discouraging words should be uttered here. Love for God, for his truth, and for souls, is the most essential qualification. The teacher may lack scholarship and logic, and yet succeed, if he loves his work, and works out his love. Yet surely the best qualifications are necessary, and we have a right to insist that the teacher shall exercise care and tact, and shall be a man of earnest prayer and study.

6. The Pupil. The pupil is the focus of the school. Its lines

radiate towards him. The superintendent and other officers are there, in a special sense, for his sake. The teacher's work is to get the book into the boy, to work into the fabric of his life the living principles of the Word. The solemn duty rests on the teacher of trying to lead his unconverted pupil to a definite acceptance of Christ, and to a public profession of faith.

But the pupil is not a sack to be filled with oats, nor a shelf to be filled with books. Early should he be impressed with his own responsibility. He must co-operate with the teacher. He should be present on time and every day with his lesson prepared; and on these things parent and teacher should insist. What a startling revolution would be wrought in our schools, if the pupils would average one hour a week in careful preparation of the lesson.

We recommend:

1. That pastors, sessions, and superintendents put forth diligent effort to bring into the Sabbath School every available person, either in the congregation or outside, who is not a pupil.

2. That the parent co-operate much more fully with the teacher of his children; in conference with him, by instructing the child at home, and by requiring his regular and prompt attendance at school and his interested attention while there.

3. That we follow much more thoroughly and strictly, than we do now, a graded system in our schools.

4. That we demand as high a standard in the management, discipline, and study, in the Sabbath School, as is found necessary in the business world and in the public school.

T. H. ACHESON,
R. HARGRAVE,
J. C. B. FRENCH,
. B. COPELAND,
J. R. W. DUGUID.

The Committee on State of Religion reported. The report was received and laid on the table.

D. H. Elliott led the daily devotions.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday, at 9 A. M. Prayer by B. M. Sharp.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Monday, May 31st, 9 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour, and was constituted with prayer by H. H. George. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names. R. C. Allen, R. K. Barkley, E. I. Dewey, D. H. Elliott, S. Turner Foster, David Love, D. C. Mathews, Louis Meyer, M. M. Pearce and C. D. Trumbull.

The minutes of Saturday morning's session were read and approved.

Members of Committee on Finance were excused from roll call this morning, and S. R. Wallace was excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Synod.

The Mission Conference presented its completed report, which was received and taken up item by item for consideration. Items 1 and 3 were adopted. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. The report was received and laid on the table that the order of the day might be taken up.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. Charles A. Blanchard, President of Wheaton College.

Unanimous consent of Synod was requested by the Committee on National Reform to withdraw Item 3 of their report, under discussion when the report went to the table, that they might present a substitute. The request was granted. The Committee presented a substitute report, which was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Pending the discussion of this item the report was laid on the table, to be the first order of the day this afternoon.

Resolved, That a collection be taken at the opening of the afternoon session, to be divided between the stenographer and the janitor of the church, as the pastor may deem just.

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. The report was received and taken up for consideration. President Blanchard, by invitation of the Synod, addressed the Court on the subject of this report. The report was recommitted that an additional item endorsing the National Christian Association might be added.

S. A. S. Metheny led the daily devotions.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by J. C. Slater.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Monday, May 31st, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened at the oppointed hour, and was led in prayer by J. E. Dodds. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. R .K. Barkley was excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Court.

An offering amounting to $27.00 was received for the benefit of the stenographer and the janitor of the church.

An invitation to hold the meeting of the Synod of 1910 at Winona Lake was received, and referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

Before resuming the consideration of the report of the Committee on National Reform the Synod engaged in a season of prayer, led by S. J. Crowe and T. M. Slater.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on National Reform.

The motion to take up the substitute item by item was reconsidered, and the substitute report was taken up as a whole.

Pending the discussion of this report the hour for adjournment arrived.

Synod adjourned until to-morrow at 9 A. M. Prayer by W. J. McKnight.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, June 1st, 9 A. M. Synod met at the appointed hour, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: E. I. Duey, S. Turner Foster, J. B. Gilmore, J. D. Latham, W. J. McCullough, J. R. Latimer, S. McNaugher, Louis Meyer, J. G. Reed, Geo. C. Robb, A. A. Samson, T. P. Stevenson and W. W. Twinam.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon session was read and approved.

A. Kilpatrick was excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Court.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on National Reform.

The call for the previous question was sustained, and a yea and nay vote was ordered. The roll was called, with the following result:

Voting yea: T. H. Acheson, R. A. Adams, R. P. Anderson, W. G. Benn, J. A. Black, I. A. Blackwood, R. A. Blair, Thomas Boggs, J. W. F. Carlisle, J. W. Cavan, R. Clarke, S. G. Conner, E. A. Crooks, S. J. Crowe, J. Boggs Dodds, J. E. Dodds, R. J. Dodds, A. P. Donahu, Charles Dougall, G. A. Edgar, Thomas J. Edgar, D. H. Elliott, E. M. Elsey, D. S. Ervin, M. G. Euwer, W. O. Ferguson, J. M. Foster, H. H. George, W. Henry George, T. G. Graham, J. B. Gilmore, J. B. Grey, George N. Greer, James Greer, S. E. Greer, R. Hargrave, J. W. M. Hart, J. M. Henning, D. O. Jack, W. P. Johnston, A. Kilpatrick, S. F. Kingston, David Love, John Magee, D. C. Martin, J. S. Martin, R. H. Martin, R. W. Marvin, Robert McAfee, Alexander McBride, William McClelland, W. J. McCullough, J. S. McGaw, S. McNaugher, Jr., Theodore McNaughton, Louis Meyer, R. C. Montgomery, Thomas Patton, M. M. Pearce, R. W. Piper, A. A. Sampson, W. J. Sanderson, S. G. Shaw, B. M. Sharp, C. McCleod Smith, R. M. Sommerville, T. C. Sproull, George R. Steel, S. M. Steel, J. R. W. Stevenson, T. P. Stevenson, Thomas M. Stewart, E. F. Thomson, C. D. Trumbull, W. W. Twinam, A. G. Walkinshaw, R. J. Wallace, F. M. Wilson, J. W. Wilson, A. A. Wylie, J. Milligan Wylie, J. Renwick Wylie, R. C. Wylie, John Yates.—84.

Voting nay: W. T. Anderson, R. C. Allen, John M. Allen, J. R. Cady, W. W. Carithers, John Coleman, J. M. Coleman, W. J. Coleman, John Copeland, J. F. Crozier, David Edgar, D. C. Faris, David S. Faris, Isaiah Faris, J. A. Forsythe, H. G. Foster, M. A. Gault, A. W. Hunter, J. M. Johnston, S. J. Johnston, W. B. Keys, John Martin, Thomas Martin, D. C. Mathews, G. R. McBurney, W. J. McBurney, Robert McClintock, J. G. McElhinney, Thomas McFall, A. J. McFarland, Sr., J. G. McFeeters, E. L. McKnight, R. J. G. McKnight, W. J. McKnight, James R. McMullan, S. A. S. Metheny J. T. Mitchell, H. G. Patterson, Wm. T. Park, John W. Pritchard, G. M. Robb, W. G. Robb, J. W. Rose, T. D. Russell, J. C. Slater, T. M. Slater, James A. Templeton, J. C. Thompson, J. S. Thompson, W. T. K. Thompson, Henry Wallace, R. J. Ward, J. Ralston Wylie.—53.

Not voting—D. S. Faris.—1

Absent—J. M. Adams, J. D. Latham, J. R. Latimer, J. C. McCandless, James McCune, P. J. McDonald, J. G. Reed, George C. Robb.—8.

The report was recommitted that the report of the Executive Committee be condensed:

The report of the Committee on the Sabbath was taken from the table.

Items 1 to 4 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church has always stood for the sanctity of the Lord's day. "The Sabbath was made for man" and is a physical, an intellectual, a religious, a domentic, an industrial, a civil and an ecclesiastical necessity. The law of Sabbath rest was written on man's physical nature long before it was written on tables of stone. It follows that man deprived of the physical benefits of Sabbath rest can not maintain his intellectual powers. Physically and intellectually deteriorated, he can not but degenerate morally and spiritually. Dele-

terious results then become manifest in every department of human life. Six hundred and forty one medical men of London signed a petition to Parliament, when it was proposed to open the Crystal Palace on Sabbaths, which contained the following words: "Your petitioners, from their acquaintance with the laboring classes, and with the laws which regulate the human economy, are convinced that a seventh day of rest, instituted by God, and co-eval with the existence of man, is essential to the bodily health and vigor of men in every station in life." Among people who disregard the Sabbath, family life is degraded, and scarcely anything worthy of the name remains of "home." Moral restraints of the Lord's day are removed and opportunities for cultivating ties of family love are wanting. To this Lr. Lowe, an eminent physician of Berlin, witnesses: "I have had occasion in my career as a practitioner to visit 9,000 workmen who worked on Sunday in their shops or in their homes, and I have it on proof that the Sunday labor has the most disastrous effect. In their homes slovenliness and discord reign; the life of the wine-shop has supplanted family life." And if we are looking for the best results in industrial life—simply for the best and largest output of product—here again we are warranted in calling the Sabbath a necessity. All history attests that man can do more and better work, and receive for his toil a greater wage, by working six days of the week and resting one, than by seven successive days of work. And if it be true—and it is—that the day cannot be preserved apart from moral and religious considerations, we find in this industrial necessity an additional reason for safeguarding its religious character. It has been said: "Those who will not have the Sabbath as a holy day cannot have it long as a rest day. When the Sabbath is not made a day of prayer, but of play, it soon becomes to the poor a day of toil." Statesmen agree that the Sabbath is essential to the welfare of the nation. Said Daniel Webster: "Sunday is nature's law as well as God's. No individual or nation habitually disregarding it has failed to fall upon disaster and grief." President Lincoln, giving orders in 1862 that military duties be reduced to the limits of strict necessity on the Lord's day said: "The discipline and character of the national forces should not suffer, nor the cause they defend be imperilled by the profanation of the day or name of the Most High." And as to the Church's imperative need of the day, the common sentiment of thoughtful Christians is expressed in the words of Dr. McLeod: "It is not too much to say that without the Lord's day the church of Christ could not, as a visible society, exist on earth." With this statment agree the famous words of Montalembert: "There can be no religion without worship and no worship without Sunday." And Voltaire declared: "There is no hope of destroying the Christian religion as long as the Christian Sabbath is acknowledged and kept by men as a sacred day." Thus both friends and foes of the Church agree that the Lord's day is the very citadel of her life. The Church, then, should realize the momentous issues at stake and rally all forces for the defence of the day. Adopting again the words of Abraham Lincoln, we may say: "As we keep or break the Sabbath day, we nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope by which man rises." While then the Church maintains both the privilege and duty of Christians to perform on the Lord's day works of necessity and mercy, including whatever in any age may be necessary for the assembling of God's people for worship and the orderly conducting of the same, yet she should raise a most faithful testimony against Sabbath desecration in all its forms.

The enemies of the Sabbath, with every increasing earnestness, are combining for its overthrow. A notable victory they have won in the decision to open the gates of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition on

the Lord's day. We seem to be in the "midst of a crusade against the Sabbath which has enlisted more active workers than for a long time." A certain anti-Sabbath tone seems to pervade the public sentiment to a greater degree than formerly." Laws for its protection are being weakened or repealed. The New York Sabbath Committee sends out the statement that twenty-five bills have been before the Connecticut Legislature, one of them described as the "wide open bill';; seventeen of similar character have been before the Legislature of Massachusetts, four of which ask for local option on Sabbath observance touching such matters as baseball, golf, tennis, charitable entertainments in private dwellings, etc. In some quarters it is admitted that the end sought is the abolition of all Lord's day laws. "In this crusade," says the United Presbyterian editorially, "none are more active than the Jews." "In many ways the determination on the part of the Jews to abrogate practically all distinctively Christian institutions and laws, has been positively shown. Our school books and holiday entertainments must be de-Christianized, and the name of Jesus be blotted out from the instruction of children."

On the other hand God is raising up new friends and advocates of His day. The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance is laboring valiantly and distributing hundreds of thousands of pages of literature on the subject. The Women's Christian Temperance Union is doing splendid and effective work through its Sabbath department. The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, organized in Pittsburg December last, making the American Sabbath Union—a most noble agency during all its history—the basis of organization, is designed to co-operate with Sabbath Alliance the world over; and the National Reform Association —always such a valient defender of the Lord's day—is now increasing its efforts in this department of its work.

These and other similar organizations should have the prayerful and financial support of all loyal Christians. We are pursuaded that the greatest danger to the Sabbath lies in the apathy of nominal Christianity. The trumpet of alarm should be sounded to arouse a sleeping Church to her duty, because by appointment she is the one special agency by whose efficiency or inefficiency the whole question is to be settled. In this great crisis the church should teach the world to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

We recommend:

1. That Synod re-affirm its condemnation of every form of Sabbath desecration and urge our people to a careful, Scriptural observance of the day.

2. That Synod urge our people to co-operate with the National Reform Association, the Lord's Day Alliance, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance in all Scriptural efforts to promote Sabbath observance.

3. That Synod reiterate its condemnation of all Sabbath-breaking travel, labor and pleasure on the Lord's day, and call upon all our people to refrain from such desecration of the day and seek to sanctify it by faithful attendance upon the duties of public, social, family and personal religion.

4. That Synod condemn the keeping open of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition on the Lord's day and call the attention of all Christians to the sin of patronizing it on that day.

F. M. WILSON,
T. C. SPROULL,
S. J. CROWE,
W. S. MOORE.

The report of the Committee on State of Religion was taken from the table. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

We sent out an inquiry to each of the one hundred and fifteen congregations of the Church, asking Sessions for a report on the State of Religion. About one half responded. Your committee did not know whether or not to conclude that the seeming indifference toward the report indicated an indifferent state of religion in the other half.

In some cases Sessions reported, which was according to the recommendation of the committee on the State of Religion last year, and in some cases pastors or individual members of Session reported, which was not according to last year's action.

As to the character of the reports, they varied from darkest night to brightest day. The color of the report was perhaps somewhat dependent on the viewpoint and spirtual temperament of its writer. The aspects of a landscape depend largely upon the eye and the position of the observer. No doubt, too, the varied conditions in different parts of the church have much to do with rendering the reports very widely different.

Your committee thought it might be both interesting and profitable to bring before the Synod as much of these reports as possible in the very language in which they were written, and this we have sought to do.

A few more than half the reports indicate that attendance upon and interest in public worship is good. Many are unsatisfactory and some are positively poor. One writes, "Attendance is first class on Sabbath services"; another, "Attendance has been uniformly good," and still another, "Attendance on preaching services very good." On the other hand we read, "Attendance on public worship is poor;" "Attendance upon public worship not very good"; "Morning services not well attended."

Some compare their attendance with that of other denominations, but the question is not what do we in comparison with others, but what do we in comparison with duty.

On the subject of the prayer-meeting, one pastor reports: "Our attendance at mid-week prayermeeting is nearly one hundred," but only one pastor makes such a report. Other reports, too, are good here, but the major part report poor attendance and a lack of interest in the prayer meeting. If the prayer meeting measures the Spiritual life of the Church this is a serious symptom.

Good reports come from the Sabbath Schools. One reports a Congregational membership of seventy and a Sabbath School enrollment of one hundred and seventy-five. A number that practically all the congregation attend the Sabbath school. "Nearly every child five years old and upward is in a class," writes one. "Our Sabbath School contributes about $300 each year to the schemes of the church," writes another. From one congregation comes the announcement, "We have a Sabbath school of Italian Children; their parents are Roman Catholics." From the interest manifest in the Sabbath School we might get the suggestion that Bible study perhaps would prove more interesting to us if we did more of it.

The few reports received on Young People's Societies were generally encouraging. From one Congregation comes the mention of a "Junior Society composed of more than fifty children between the ages of six and fourteen years, nearly all of whom are from homes outside our Church, and a large number from homes connected with no church whatever." This is suggestive.

On the matter of home religion we have such as the following: "Family worship is observed in all our homes." "With few exceptions all the homes have the family altar." "We hope most of our families maintain the family altar and secret prayer, though it is to be feared that in some few cases family worship is neglected." "There is a tendency on the part of some to give up this precious service." "The old time uniform observance of family worship in every home is not maintained." "We believe it is not attended to as carefully as in former years." "Most of our families have worship at least once a day."

As an evidence of home training one pastor writes that "With rare exceptions all unite with the Church at an early age," while another cites as an evidence of the lack of it the fact that "the young people refuse to publicly confess Christ."

Your committee is disposed to adopt the words of an old pastor who says, "The importance of family religion is not appreciated."

About half of the Congregations report the Sabbath well kept. A number that the Sabbath is not observed as it ought to be. One pastor writes, "There is some unnecessary street car riding" on the Sabbath. The report of one is suggestive. It reads, "As Sabbath observance goes at present the Sabbath is well observed." It is to be feared we do not mean when we say, "the Sabbath is well kept" what our forefathers meant by the same language.

About two-thirds of the Sessions give good accounts on the subject of liberality.

Tithing seems to be slightly on the increase though the principle has some distance to make yet ere it conquers the church. One writes, "Most all our members give the tithe." Another, "Many of our members tithe." Another, "Our tithers are sadly in the minority." Our treasurer says, "The tenth people have it to give, it seems like most any time." One Congregation "at its last meeting agreed to pay the tenth." One session reports, "Our contributions for the year averaged $29.60 per member." One writes, "Spirit of liberality declining."

The pastor of one of our largest and wealthiest congregations writes, "Comparatively few realize their responsibility in the matter of money."

Personal piety, according to the reports, seems to be present in a measure, but all are agreed that there is much room for improvement here.

One session cites as an evidence of piety, "Holding fast the profession of our faith without wavering, instant in prayer, with love to the brethren and zeal for the cause of Christ as witnesses for all divine truth;" and another session mentions as evidence of lack of piety, "neglect of the ordinances."

Eight out of fifty-four congregations report Special Bible study. One pastor has a Bible class larger than his congregation, and another a Bible reading circle with 30 to 40 members.

Eight congregations report Special Evangelistic services. Some report extra services in connection with communion services. One pastor reports "Evangelistic services every Sabbath during the year." Some general statements taken from these reports are worthy of notice. "Religion here is getting more practical. We are both praying and fighting.

Fought four saloons out of this town and last Monday put pool-rooms out also."

"Doctrinal preaching and preaching on the principles of the Church have been reasonably frequent in our pulpits, and seems to be relished by our people." "A few young men lack a measure of interest in our Church." "All our members are loyal to the Church, and all her distinctive principles. We desire to emphasize the loyalty of our young people." "The session has given the pastor the privilege to go out and preach on our distinctive principles, and he has availed himself of the privilege." "We do not cut off services either before or after the Communion. The people seem to enter heartily into the work of preparation." "Thousands of tracts have been sent out. They have been called for by great numbers of people in other denominations."

From the above quotations it is apparent that a very complex state of religion exists in the Church. There are some evidences of growth, for which we thank God and take courage.

There is much in these reports to humble us and to bring us to God with the query, Where is the wedge of gold which blocks the way against our larger progress?

We recommend:

1. That pastors and sessions seek in every possible way to impress upon our people the full meaning and sacredness of our covenant vows.

2. That family visitation be carefully attended to by all our sessions so far as possible.

3. That sessions investigate more closely the state of religion in their respective congregations and be able to report more accurately.

E. L. McKNIGHT,
H. G. PATTERSON,
E. M. ELSEY,
A. J. HARDING,
R. S. BOWES.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken from the table. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your committee desired to make a report that would accurately record the present status of the Church touching the matter of systematic giving. We find ourselves unable to accomplish this purpose. The difficulty of obtaining the definite information requested by your committee hindered over half the congregations from making any report whatever. Fifty-five congregations, embracing 48 per cent. of the membership of the Church, replied to the letters of inquiry sent out by your committee.

Of the fifty-five congregations replying, 61 per cent report that systematic giving is becoming more general among their members. To the energetic effort that is being put forth in these congregations to keep the privilege and duty of giving to the support of the Lord's work prominently before the membership, this encouraging condition is doubtless in large measure due. And yet, with all the effort expended in this work, the reports received indicate that not more than 50 per cent of the membership of the church is given to tithing. Probably the exact figures are much below 50 per cent.

The almost complete failure of the congregations to adopt some of the recommendations designed to further systematic giving, and to that end adopted by Synod, is interpreted as indicating that either the recommendations did not appeal to the good judgment of the people, or that the congregations failed to inform themselves of the recommendations of the Synod. Various methods, however, have been tried by different congregations, sometimes in answer to Synod's recommendation, sometime on the initiative of the congregation. Some congregations depend wholly upon voluntary contributions, without previous pledge. The large majority of congregations find it altogether desirable to pledge their members to some definite sum, that the officers of the congregation may know what amounts they can depend upon receiving. The pledged list leads to system in the congregational finances, and generally to increased liberality on the part of the individual member. These subscriptions are taken annually. One congregation reports increased efficiency in taking the pledges simi-annually. In some congregations, the subscription list embraces the funds for all purposes, synodical and congregational; in other congregations, the pastor's salary is lifted according to this method, while other collections are independent of previous subscription. With good results, some congregatins are raising syndical collections by a card system, which is a modification of the subscription list. The envelope system recommended by Synod, is reported to be eminently satisfactory wherever employed.

Probably no one plan will meet the requirements of all localities. The experience of the church, however, commends the following features, which are hereby recommended to the prayerful considration of the congregations:

1. The conscientious adoption of some plan.

2. The exclusion of all methods of raising funds save the voluntary contribution of one's own means. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, not a skilful promoter of church fairs.

3. The adoption of the giving of at least a tithe as the ideal.

4. The study of "The Tithe." The presentation of the subject from the pulpit, the discussion of it in pastoral visitations, in the Sabbath school, in the prayer meeting, in the young people's meeting, in the congregational meeting, in the mission study class, and in private conversation. The reading of the deliverances of Synod, and of Presbytery, and of the session, and the board of deacons from the pulpit. The distribution of literature discussing the subject.

5. The informing of the people concerning the needs of the work at home and abroad.

6. The co-operation of the session and the board of deacons in developing systematic giving.

7. The pledging of the people, first, to the giving of at least the tithe, and then, to stated sums for specified purposes. The tithe covenant adopted by Synod in 1904 is commended to the church. See Minutes for 1904, page 73. The systematic paying of pledges. The ideal is weekly contributions.

9. The use of some of the many envelope systems.

10. The giving of monthly reports to the congregation, and of quarterly statements to the individual member. The statements should be sent to all, whether their pledges are paid or are still due.

11. Prayer for the Spirit's leading into entire consecration.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN H. PRITCHARD,
W. J. McKNIGHT.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 2 was taken up. The Committee to prepare a Catechism and Manual of Doctrine reported.

The report was received and adopted, and is as follows.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CATECHISM AND MANUAL OF.... DOCTRINE.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of a Reformed Presbyterian Catechism, and Manual of Doctrine, would respectfully report:

That we have undertaken the work assigned us, and have in progress, in accordance with your instructions, the preparation of a catechism, a manual of doctrine in the form of outline studies upon the fundamental and distinctive principles of the Church, a history of the Church, and a list of books on Bible study. Owing to the difficulty of gathering your committee for consultation, our progress is necesasrily slow, and we have nothing definite to submit to the Synod at this time.

On behalf of the Committee. Respectfully,

GEORGE A. EDGAR, Chairman.

The Committee was continued.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Item 1. Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms. Page 9.—W. J. Coleman.

2. Committee to prepare a Catechism and Manual of Doctrine for the instruction of the youth. Page 23.—G. A. Edgar.

Item 3. Permanent Committee on Temperance to report on voting in Local Option elections. Page 25—W. W. Carithers.

Item 4. Treasurer to print and distribute blanks for congregations receiving aid. Page 26.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 5. Committee on Testimony Bearing to print as a tract, and distribute the report of the Committee on Psalmody. Page 32.—W. J. Coleman.

Item 6. Committee to select additional meters of Psalms for a new edition of the Psalter. Page 33.—W. J. Coleman.

Item 7. Committee to select suitable music for the proposed new edition of the Psalter. Page 33.—R. C. Wylie.

Item 8. Foreign Mission Board to prepare program for Conference on Foreign Missions on Friday evening of Synod. Page 61, item 7.—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 9. Foreign Mission Board to select text book for the use of congregations in mission study. Page 67.—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 10. Resignation of William Brown from Foreign Mission Board. Page 67.

Item 11. Committee to prepare program for celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Synod, and the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. Page 70.—R. J. George.

Item 12. Special Committee on the expenses of Synod. Page 71.—George W. Benn.

Item 13. Moderator and Clerk to sign and forward to houses of Congress petition for the submission of an amendment to the United States Constitution for the suppression of polygamy. Page 72.

Item 14. Philadelphia Presbytery to ordain E. J. Feuersohn if the conditions warrant. Page 78, item 5.

Item 15. Treasurer of Synod to pay our proportion of the expenses of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, and the deficit for printing Minutes of Synod of 1907. Page 86, item 3.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 16. Treasurer to issue new edition of the Psalter and the Book of Discipline. Page 86, item 4.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 17. Clerk to print Minutes of Synod of 1908. Page 86, item 5.

Item 18. Treasurer to print new Statistical Blanks. Page 86, item 10.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 19. Committee to prepare and address a letter to Congregations and Mission Stations regarding financial methods. Page 88, item 11.—James A. McAteer.

Item 20. Committee on Foreign Correspondence to reply to letter from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Page 117.—J. M. Coleman.

Item 21. Committee to receive and forward to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary the reply of the professor-elect. Page 118.—J. W. Sproull.

Item 22.—Delegate to Synod of the Christian Reformed church. Page 119.—R. J. G. McKnight.

Item 23. Committee on formation of National Rest Day Association. Page 119.—J. W. Sproull.

Item 24. Committee on Temperance to arrange for a Conference on Temperance during Synod. Page 120.—W. W. Carithers.

Item 25.—Moderator to send letter of sympathy to D. B. Wilson. Page 120.—R. C. Montgomery.

J. S. THOMPSON,
S. McNAUGHER, JR.

The following were excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Court: J. G. Reed, Robert McAfee, Theodore McNaughton, S. J. Crowe, Thomas Boggs, J. Milligan Wylie, John Yates.

T. G. Graham led the daily devotions.

The time was extended to hear the report of the Committee on Traveling Fund. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

Your commitee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report.

Receipts.

From Congregations	$2,703 60
From Assessment of deficit	600 00
Total	$3,303 60

Expenditures

Colorado Presbytery, 8 delegates	$512 37	
N. B. and N. S. Presbytery, 1 delegate	55 75	
Philadelphia Presbytery, 6 delegates	187 50	
Kansas Presbytery, 26 delegates	693 48	
New York Presbytery, 16 delegates	506 59	
Iowa Presbytery, 14 delegates	103 66	
Rochester Presbytery, 8 delegates	239 07	
Ohio Presbytery, 17 delegates	211 45	
Illinois Presbytery, 15 delegates	225 79	
Pittsburg Presbytery, 39 delegates	569 20—	3,299 86
Balance		3 74

We recommend that the financial agents of the several Presbyteries be continued until next Synod with instructions to co-operate with Synod's railroad committee in ascertaining the most economical routs and cheapest rates; and that this committee report through the railroad committee of synod in the church papers before the first of May, 1910.

P. J. McDONALD.

And Financial Agents of all the Presbyteries.

The retiring Moderator was requested to furnish a copy of his sermon for publication in the church papers.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by Wm. T. Park.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, June 1, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, and was led in prayer by Alexander McBride. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee on Supplies reported. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Your Committee would respectfully report the following distribution of those recommended by the Presbyteries for work for the coming year:

Aikin. W. A.—June, Illinois; July, Ohio; August, Kansas.

Allen, R. C.—June, Kansas; October, Pittsburg; April, New York.

Allen, T. J.—June and July, Colorado; October, Kansas; November and December, Pittsburg.

Coleman, Paul.—June, Pittsburg; July, August and September, Kansas; October to May, New York.

Crozier, J. F.—August, Pittsburg.

Dill, J. W.—All year, Kansas.

Dodds, R. J.—June to August, and December to February, New York; September to November, and March to May, Pittsburg.

Elsey, Bruce.—June to August, N. B. and N. S.; September to November, New York; December, Ohio; January and February, Pittsburg; March and April, Iowa; May, Kansas.

Faris, Isaiah.—All year in Kansas.

Fraser, F. D.—June, Iowa; October, Ohio; November and December, Illinois; February to May, N. B. and N. S.

Foster, H. G.—June to September, Kansas; October to December, Iowa; January and February, New York; March to May, N. B. and N. S.

Johnston, A. A.—June to September, Pittsburg.

McBurney, G. R.—June, Pittsburg; August, Iowa; September to November, Kansas; March, New York.

McConaughy, H. G.—June to August, Kansas; May, Iowa.

McElwain, T. A.—July to August, and May, New York; September to December, N. B. and N. S.; January and February, Rochester; March and April, Pittsburg.

McFarland, A. J.—June and July, Iowa; February, Pittsburg, April, New York.

McCullough, W. J.—June, Rochester; July, Kansas; August, Iowa; September, Illinois.

McCartney, J. L.—June, Kansas; March, New York.

McClurkin, W. C.—June and September, New York; July, August and January, Pittsburg; October to December, Rochester; February to April, Kansas; May, Iowa.

Morrow, S. M.—June, July and September, Iowa; October, Illinois; November, Ohio; December and May, Pittsburg; August, Kansas; March and April, Rochester.

McCune, James.—June to August, N. B. and N. S.; September, Rochester; October and November, New York; December, Pittsburg; January, Ohio; February and March, Kansas; April, Iowa; May, Illinois.

McFarland, Wm.—June and July, Rochester; March and April, New York.

Paden, W. C.—June, December and January, Kansas; April, Illinois; May, Iowa.

Park, Robert.—June and September, Ohio; July and August, Kansas; May, New York.

Reed, J. G.—June and May, Ohio; July, New York; August, Rochester; September, Pittsburg; October to December, Kansas; January and February, Iowa; March and April, Illinois.

Sharp, B. M.—July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, Colorado; March to May, Kansas.

Sproull, T. C.—October, Kansas; December, New York; March, Pittsburg.

Stevenson, J. R. W.—June, September to May, Kansas; July, Illinois; August, Ohio.

Taggart, D. R.—July and August, Illinois; September to December, Iowa; January to May, Kansas.

Thompson, Owen.—November and December, Kansas; January and February, Illinois; March and April, Ohio; May, Pittsburg.

Wallace, S. R.—June and July, Rochester; October and November, Pittsburg; February, Illinois; March, Iowa; April and May, Kansas.

J. S. MARTIN,
J. M. WYLIE,
A. A. WYLIE,
J. H. MAGEE,
R. A. ADAMS.

Committees on Presbyterial Records reported as follows:

Records of Philadelphia, Rochester, N. B. and N. S., Ohio, Iowa and Kansas contain nothing contrary to the law and order of the church.

Pittsburg contains nothing contrary to the law and order of the church, except that on page 244 the minutes of the "Special Meeting" held in the Central Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Church, May 12, 1908, were not signed by the Moderator.

New York contains nothing contrary to the law and order of the church, except that the minutes of October 7, 1908, are recorded previous to the minutes of May 28, 1908.

Illinois contains nothing contrary to the law and order of the church, except that on page 199 the action with respect to the minutes of a commission should have been—"received, approved and engrossed on the minutes."

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 to 7 were adopted.

R. M. Sommerville, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was heard on behalf of the Foreign Missions of the Church.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee would report:

The only paper placed in our hands was the report of the Board of Foreign Missions. To review this excellent paper was a positive pleasure; equal almost to visiting the fields of labor; and the inevitable conclusion was, "Jehovah hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Your Committee noted, and would emphasize the following things:

1. Notwithstanding the uprising in Asiatic Turkey, which resulted in the sacrifice of many lives, and the destruction of much property, our missionaries were all preserved, and our property, for the most part, kept safe.

Whatever may be the immediate outcome of the trouble, the ultimate result will be the triumph of Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

2. In the mysterious and trying province of God which came upon our missionary, Rev. R. A. Blair, recalling him from work in China, we rejoice in his renewed and continued health, and that he is permitted to serve the interests of our missions, as he is doing well, in the home land.

3. The good health of the missionaries, in general; the faithful and efficient work done by all throughout the field; and the encouraging increase in the membership of the church, especially in China.

4. The prompt and liberal response to the appeal for aid for the refugees in Syria and Asia Minor.

Your Committee also notes with very great satisfaction the efforts and the progress made in training a native ministry for our work in China, and would have been glad to note the same in the Syrian field. The whole church should be profoundly grateful to God for His watchful care over the persons, and His good hand upon all the work of our missionaries, and should earnestly seek the continuance of the same.

We recommend:

1. That the careful reading of the report of the Foreign Mission Board be urged upon the membership of the church, that they may be more fully enlightened concerning the work being done, and that their hearts may be more deeply touched with a desire to save the lost.

2. That parents consecrate their children to God and to His service, and inform them of this consecration. That they seek also to inspire in them the missronary spirit by talking about our missions and missionaries, and often remembering them in prayer at the family altar.

3. That those who have not already done so, be urged to respond promptly to the appeal for help for the refugees in Syria and Asia Minor. The need is still present and urgent.

4. That all congregations be urged to pay, at least, the full amount asked of them for the work of Foreign Missions, that there may be an increase rather than a decrease of funds for the coming year.

5. That the action of the Board in appointing Drs. T. P. Stevenson and J. C. McFeeters, with elder Henry O'Neill, President of the Foreign Mission Board, delegates to the third World Missionary Conference, to be held in Edinburg, Scotland, June 1910, be approved; and in case they cannot go, that the Board be empowered to appoint their alternates.

6. That the Board be requested to prepare a program for a Missionary Conference to be held on Friday evening after the opening of Synod's session next year.

7. That Dr. R. M. Sommerville, Corresponding Secretary of the Board, be heard in connection with the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY,
E. A. CROOKS,
S. TURNER FOSTER,
S. M. STEEL,
THOMAS H. MARTIN,

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

There is no truth that brings such strength and comfort to the Church in the crisis of its history as the mediatorial sovereignty of Jesus Christ. Because He reigns, Paganism, Islamism and all other systems of religion hostile to His claims are powerless to weaken the

security of His people or stay the progress of His cause. When, on October, 1908, converts in our Mission to China were persecuted for confessing Christ, and were threatened with loss of property and life if they would not renounce the faith, their bearing was as heroic and their speech as thrilling as the bearing and the speech of faithful witnesses in Covenanter story. These men have been tested and found genuine, and sooner or later the Chinese officials who are now practicing an obstructive policy, will, under unconscious pressure from the Mediatorial Throne, remove existing barriers to the extension of the work.

In the Levant the tactics of the enemy have been slightly different, more secret and treacherous. On Wednesday, April 14, 1909, news of a Moslem uprising against the Armenians at Adana, in Asia Minor, startled the Christian world and filled all Christian hearts with solicitude as to the safety of missionaries and their converts in Asiatic Turkey. No one can tell whether this uprising was, as reports seem to indicate, the result of secret instructions from Abdul Hamid, who, on the previous day, a date that will be memorable in Turkish history, had, with characteristic perfidy, broken his solemn promise to secure civil and religious liberty in the Empire, and thus set in motion, or, rather, gave fresh impetus to a political revolution, the issue of which is known only to the Head of the Church. In the massacre begun at Adana and extending throughout the province of Asia Minor and into Syria, two American missionaries were accidentally shot while attempting to save a building from destruction by fire, while some of their native ministers, on the way to an evangelistic conference, and many helpless men and women were ruthlessly murdered. Happily, no harm came to any of our representatives, and none of the converts, so far as known, have lost their lives, though many have suffered great privation. According to Dr. Balph's dispatch to the Associated Press on Friday, April 30, "the condition of the refugees coming into Latakia from the devastated districts to the north was pitiable," while in Mersina and Tarsus, as a letter from Rev. C. A. Dodds, dated April 20-21, informs us, there were great destitution and suffering.

In these and in many other ways Pagan Chinese and fanatical Moslems may show their hatred of Christ, and may be allowed to persecute Him in the person of His followers, but the defeat of Islamism in Turkey and the triumph of Christianity in China are as certain as that the Lord lives and reigns to put all enemies under His feet. And there is no cause for alarm. He permits the existence of evil, but has set limits to its operations, so that it may not be carried by individual or community beyond His good pleasure. Though no human power can control the tide of evil in society, He can say: "Thus far shalt thou come and no further, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed.' He even employs the wrath of man for the accomplishment of a wise and holy purpose to save the world.

Accordingly, we are able, speaking in general terms, to report encouraging progress in our Foreign Missions. The annual statements from the several fields, which will be published along with this paper, are evidently prepared with great care and reveal that interest in the work which is the true measure of success.

DEPARTMENT OF PREACHING AND SCHOOL WORK.

Syria.—The report from Syria is from the pen of Rev. Samuel Edgar, written in the breezy style that makes his letters so attractive. Taking his readers with him on "an initial tour of the Latakia field,"

he halts at each of the six outstations, with their aggregate enrollment of 280 pupils, long enough to learn its history, present condition and prospects. He shows how in Jendairia,, where Dr. R. J. Dodds founded a mission forty years ago, "a little band of people," without a building for school or church, the Turk having robbed them of both, "are true to their Lord and ever appreciate what grace has done for them"; how at Bahamra a Bible reader, by visiting from house to house and holding religious services on Sabbath, has kept the lamp of truth burning for many years, in spite of the fierce attempt of the enemy to blow it out; how in Tartoos the wife of the late licentiate Yakob Juraidiny, who, after a long life of singular devotedness as teacher and evangelist, died suddenly, June 28, 1908, when on his way to his native village in the Lebanon to spend the summer holidays with his children, is carrying on the work with commendable devotion and success, the teacher of the boys "conducting services on the Sabbath, an attendance of 110 at the Sabbath school and 88 at the morning service, and others standing at the windows outside," yet, owing to the persistent opposition of the Greeks, only eight members; and how at Gunaimia, an Armenian village where there are over seventy communicants, the people seem hungry for the gospel, and on Communion Sabbath, the "gathering was so large as to tax the size and strength of the building," while "Mr. Stewart had to stand in the doorway so as to reach those without and within." "To visit these places," writes Mr. Edgar, "places that have been the center of bright hopes and the source of many discouragements in the lives of workers, who have gone to their reward, leaves new and lasting impressions, which show, as the Master said, that wherever men are found there we find all the different kinds of soil for the gospel."

The girls' school in Latakia, under the supervision of Misses Wylie and Patton, reports 58 boarders and 54 day pupils, among whom are 8 little Moslem girls. At the close of the school year five are expected to graduate, all members of the church. In the boys' school, in charge of Miss Edgar, there were 45 day pupils and 47 boarders, of whom 26 are the children of Church members and 10 professing Christians themselves. Mr. Edgar says, in bearing testimony to the excellent work done in these schools: "Our desire for it is an increase in efficiency and a wider domain. The place that the gospel has in our schools here is far ahead of anything we know about at home. The children go from our schools to their homes with such a knowledge of the Word and our standards as would make some of us feel ashamed if we had to undergo an examination with them in public. All the school work has for its aim the reaching of individual souls. Then on the Lord's Day the week is crowned with the preaching of the Word."

The pulpit in Latakia has been occupied every Sabbath, and the outstations have been visited as frequently as possible. On this service Mr. Stewart "has spent about 48 days, in the saddle, and this means 93 days away from home." In the opinion of Mr. Edgar, "it would mean new power to all the places, were we able to keep a man in this work constantly, as at home it requires the constant care of the pastor, not only on the Sabbath, but all the time, to help the people to that high standard of life that the Master desires."

In and around this center there are 224 communicants, a net loss of four, there having been an increase of eleven during the year, but a decrease of fifteen owing to death, transfer, and other reasons. The Lord's supper was administered seven times.

In Suadia there has been much bad feeling among the people because a minister and doctor were not stationed there, as they were led to expect. Revs. McFarland and Edgar were both willing to go, but

the Board did not feel that it would be prudent to send either of them, when it was impossible to secure the services of a resident physician. Their dissatisfaction was shown in neglect of ordinances and constant fault-finding, but it seems now to have largely passed away. Since the appointment of a school teacher in January the members have been attending public worship with more regularity, and at the Communion the last week in March all the thirty-six members were present, but one family.

As to the school work, we will let the field report speak: "The girls' school, which had been begun outside of the Mission in the early part of the year, has now come back home and has an average attendance of twenty. The teacher is a daughter of one of our members and a graduate of Latakia. The boys' school had a surprising attendance. A larger number from the Fellahin have been in this year than ever before. Although attempts were made to stop them, yet they have continued to come, and replied, 'We have our liberty now.' The attendance has been close to ninety." "A woman who has acted as Bible reader in the past," writes Mr. Edgar, "has been reappointed, and we trust that now, as never before, the reading of the Word and the personal work may be the means of leading many to accept our Saviour."

Asia Minor.—The report from Asia Minor is also a very full and clear statement of facts regarding the work that the home churches need to know, and it will repay careful study. In the absence of Miss Sterrett on furlough the boarding school at Mersina was suspended, but two day schools, with an enrollment of 104 boys and 52 girls, were conducted under the oversight and direction of Miss French. The enrolled attendance of the school in Tarsus was 64 boys and 26 girls, 43 of the former and 8 of the latter being Fellahin. There was also a school in Karadash of 24 pupils, chiefly from Greek orthodox families, making a total of 270 under instruction in the field.

In Mersina there were services in Arabic every Sabbath, and in the middle of the week, and service in English on the morning of the Sabbath to accommoate resident Europeans, that is well attended. Since the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Willson, October 22, 1908, he has taken that English service the first Sabbath of each month. In Tarsus religious services have been held regularly twice on Sabbath, as well as on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and there is always a good attendance of poor people. And in Adana the evangelist has continued, as opportunity offers, to preach Christ in shops and houses, "a work," writes Mr. Dodds, "for which he seems well qualified." Thus with the assistance of two Bible readers the gospel work is carried on. The Lord's Supper was administered once in each of the three cities, and there are in the field sixty-nine members, an increase of nine and a decrease of 7.

In reading the annual statement of this Mission it is noticeable with what accuracy Mr. Dodds foreshadows something of the present trouble in Turkey; "Turkey enjoys freedom of a kind, but let no one too hastily infer that the Kingdom of God is immediately to appear. The reign of freedom is not without indications that it may develop into a reign of terror. Liberty, in the popular mind, seems to be defined as license. A great impetus has been given to the trade in firearms, these being now imported freely, bought largely and used recklessly. Drunkenness, too, has greatly increased, for men look on liberty as furnishing an opportunity to cast off all restraint. Whether saner ideas will prevail and Turkey pass with comparative safety through this stage, or whether the country will drift into a state of anarchy and general bloodshed, it would be difficult at this writing to

tell. Conditions are very unstable and far from satisfactory." Further on in his report Mr. Dodds says: "Possibly some may have looked for more immediate results in the way of conversions as an effect of the proclamation of liberty; but a little reflection will, we think, show that such expectations are not altogether warranted. Freedom—certainly not such freedom as Turkey now has— will not change men's hearts Its immediate effect, judging from our own observation, seems to be rather to dwarf every other consideration into insignificance in comparison with possible political advantage afforded One man, an Armenian, said to our evangelist in Adana: 'Why are you always teaching this gospel? The gospel is the ruin of our country.' His idea was that its acceptance thwarted political aims This sentiment is perhaps more prominent among Armenians than among the Arabic-speaking population, but still it is probably true that the general effect for the moment of the new order of things has been to beget, if not opposition, at least deepened indifference to the gospel."

Cyprus.—In reviewing the work on the Island of Cyprus, Mr. McCarroll cannot find much to encourage him. The Lord's Supper was administered in Larnaca and in Nicosia, and two were received into full communion; but there was a loss of four, reducing the roll of membership to 31, and probably eight or ten will leave the island this summer in search of employment, which they cannot find at home.

The school, however, that Synod authorized him to establish in Larnaca, gives promise of larger fruit of labor. He reports an attendance of 38 boys—13 Greeks, 13 Turkish, 7 Armenians, and 5 English, very satisfactory work done, and so bright a financial outlook that he has notified the Board that he will only require $2,000 instead of $2,500, to cover all expenses next year. He mentions one instance of its good influence: "Last week one of the school boys was ill. I went to visit him, and found his mother ill also. After a short talk I asked permission to read a passage from the Scriptures and to pray, which was readily granted. Yesterday the father met me and expressed his satisfaction at my having read the gospel with his wife. The school thus affords opportunities of access into homes which otherwise I would not dream of entering."

Our missionary has made arrangements with Licentiate J. D. Edgar to take the position of principal or head master of the school, and the Board has agreed to pay his traveling expenses to the field. Mr. McCarroll will thus be released from school duties that demanded so much of his time last year, and free to go out on preaching tours and do the work of an evangelist.

China.—"In China," writes A. I. Robb, "it has been a year of progress. Our numbers have been increased, and we think our people are increasing in knowledge and Christian stature. Official opposition has hindered our work, but our people have stood true in bitter persecution, and are neither cast down nor discouraged." Evidently the missionaries at Tak Hing Chau are using all Scriptural means to bring the vast multitude around them under the power of saving truth, and are growingly successful through a wise division of labor. Besides the regular preaching of the gospel on Sabbath, of whch Rev. J. K. Robb has charge, Sabbath schools and weekly prayer meetings. daily meetings were held in the Robert McNeill Memorial chapel during the first week of the Chinese year, at which there was "an attendance ranging from about sixty one wet day to a crowded home and an overflow meeting of seventy or eighty in the basement," and for four weeks the senior missionary conducted a class for the study of the Bible,

to which were invited only "male members of the Church of mature years." Three of the four students, who had completed the course of three years at the Training School, have been sent out as evangelists, two to Sha Pong, where the Mission has "leased a house for ten years as a chapel," and a third to Tung On, "a new district southeast of Tak Hing Chau and adjoining it." Three men employed as colporteurs, have sold 3906 copies of the gospels and the Book of Acts, 29 New Testaments and 1480 tracts. "These men in some cases," reports Rev. E. C. Mitchell, who has charge of this department, "have gone quite long distances to the north and west of the Mission to regions that have not been touched by any foreign missionary." "A number of people have been brought to the Mission and enrolled as applicants for baptism who have received all the knowledge they have of the gospel from these booksellers." Three schools have been in operation, one for boys under the efficient management of Rev. Julius A. Kempf, and another for girls and a third for women under the judicious supervision of Dr. Kate McBurney. In the schools there were 32 boys, 25 girls and 7 women under daily religious instruction. Dr. Jean McBurney has also conducted twice a week a children's class for Bible study, with an enrollment of 33, and on Sabbath a class of 16, "open to all," but "especially for those who wish to apply for baptism." And Rev. W. M. Robb has been entrusted with the care of the Mission finances.

No marvel, with all these appliances for evangelism, that the Mission can report progress, an increase of 27 in membership, making, after deducting a loss of 4, a communicant roll of 98. And we can well believe that with the blessing of God upon such an enthusiastic band of laborers, the "concentrated universal determination of official China" to prevent the securing of property outside of Tak Hing Chau will soon be forced to yield.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Only a word or two need be said in regard to the medical departments of the Missions. Dr. Balph reports 1100 visits to town patients, not less than 6000 office treatments, and 100 cases in the hospital, besides answering calls from villages. The Doctor is greatly encouraged by the presence of Miss Elsey, who reached Latakia, October 25, 1908, and on his testimony has shown herself well qualified for the position of head nurse, and ready to bear her full share of the burdensome service both in the hospital and at the tri-weekly clinics. Dr. McCarroll, of Cyprus, reports 7888 treatments, 20 visits to outlying villages, and open doors into some of the influential families of Nicosia. As Dr. John Peoples has recently passed the imperial examination at Constantinople, and has secured permission to practice his profession in Turkey, he is now ready to inaugurate similar work at Mersina.

The statements from the physicians at Tak Hing Chau contain interesting details that cannot be embodied in this report for want of space. Dr. J. M. Wright was away from the field on furlough for nine months, returning to his post early in January, 1909. In his absence the Gregg Memorial Hospital was in charge of his associates, Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney, and Dr. Ida M. Scott, and thus the work was carried on faithfully and with encouraging results. But necessarily the itinerating work, an important feature of the medical service and an effective agency in extending a knowledge of the truth, was interrupted to some extent.

Both in the hospital at Latakia and the hospital at Tak Hang Chau

only Christians are employed as assistants, and at all the dispensaries the gospel is read and explained. Assuming that all the missionaries are careful to take advantage of these opportunities to preach Christ, no one can estimate the spiritual results.

SUMMARY.

That the churches may see at a glance the present condition f the work in the foreign fields, we give the following summary:

Five stations, or places where missionaries reside, and 11 outstations, or places where there are native members or where some kind of work is carried on;

Eleven ordained American ministers and 6 American teachers;

One ordained Greek minister, one licentiate, 6 evangelists, 5 Bible readers and 3 colporteurs;

Seventeen schools and 38 teachers, with 966 pupils under daily religious instruction;

Four hundred and fifty-eight native communicants, 49 added during the year, a net increase of 24 members, 23 of the gain to be credited to China; and

Seven American physicians and surgeons, 1 American trained nurse, 1 pharmacist, 2 hospitals and many dispensaries.

GENERAL ITEMS.

It remains to record a few items that claim attention, but could not be easily woven into the body of this report:

Last summer Rev. R. A. Blair lost the vision of his left eye, due to detachment of the retina, and on the advice of two surgeon specialists in Hong Kong, returned home, November 13, 1908, and is at present engaged in visiting the churches and telling the story of the work in China.

Miss Jennie Dean, appointed a year ago to take charge of the girls' school at Tak Hing Chau, reached China December 4, 1908, with Rev. J. K. Robb and family on their return from a brief furlough in America.

Dr. Kate McBurney, who had been very ill for some months before leaving China, and her sister, Dr. Jean McBurney, arrived in the harbor of San Francisco, April 23, 1909, reporting "both well and happy." They will spend the summer with friends in the United States, seeking rest and restoration. Rev. James S. Stewart and family will also visit this country the coming autumn on furlough after another ten years of missionary labor in Syria.

During the recent Moslem massacre at Kessab the Mission property was destroyed by fire, including the summer house of Rev. James S. Stewart, valued, with its contents, at $2,500, a building erected for Rev. J. B. Dodds, then resident missionary at Suadia, and a house belonging to Dr. Martin of Antioch.

At the last meeting of the board, a request from Rev. Julius Kempf, endorsed by the Mission at Tak Hing Chau, to "make the boarding department of the boys' school permanent," was granted.

Attention is called to the financial reports of Treasurer Miller, which show a falling off in the contributions to both foreign missions

and thus indirectly urge the necessity of increasing liberality on the part of the home church.

The Board has appointed Drs. T. P. Stevenson and J. C. McFeeters. with elder Henry O'Neil, President of the Foreign Board, delegates to the third World Missionary Conference, to be held in Edinburg, Scotland, June 1910, subject to the approval of Synod.

Finally the Board asks the unceasing prayers of the home church for its missionaries and their converts in all the foreign fields, and earnestly appeals for contributions to a fund for the relief of those in the Levant missions who are suffering for the necessaries of life. Many have already forwarded generous offerings to the Treasurer, but more will be required not only to repay the thousand dollars advanced from the treasury, but also to meet urgent calls for help. And we are sure that all at home will count it a privilege to share the sufferings of our brethren across the sea.

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, Cor. Sec'y.

The Minutes of the Syrian Commission were read, and ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes of Synod. They are as follows:

Guzne, Wednesday July 22, 1908, 3 p. m.

The Syrian Commission met at the call of the chairman at the above place and date, in accordance with the action taken at the last meeting. After a season of devotional exercises the commission was constituted with prayer by Rev. C. A. Dodds.

The roll was called and is as follows: Ministers—C. A. Dodds, Samuel Edgar, Walter McCarroll, Andrew J. McFarland, James S. Stewart. Elders—J. M. Balph, M. D., Jno. Peoples, M. D.

The minutes of last meeting were read. The Commission proceeded to the election of officers which resulted as follows: Chairman, Walter McCarroll; clerk, John Peoples.

A program for the meeting was arranged, the meetings to be held in the home of C. A. Dodds.

The meeting adjourned to meet Thursday at 9 a. m. Rev. Andrew J. McFarland adjourning with prayer.

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908, 9:00 A. M.

The Commission met in accordance with adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the chairman.

The committee(Rev. James S. Stewart) on the revision of the translation of the R. P. Testimony reported that it had completed a tentative revision, which is hereby submitted to the Commission. The committee was enlarged by the addition of Revs. C. A. Dodds and A. J. McFarland, and was instructed to examine the revision as presented; to confer with the members of the Irish Mission, and, in case of a satisfactory agreement, after consultation with the other members of the commission, to proceed with the publication of the same.

A paper was read by Rev. James S. Stewart on "The Intervening period between the Old and New Testaments."

The members of the Commission resident at Latakia were appointed a committee to consult with the members of the congrega-

tions at Latakia and Jendairia as to the advisability of uniting these two congregations. It was decided to proceed, at the next meeting of the commission, with the ordination of Calvin McCarroll, M. D., to the office of Ruling Elder. The Commission took recess till 3 p. m. Rev. Samuel Edgar closing with prayer.

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908, 3 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by J. M. Balph, M. D. The minutes of the morning session were read. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Commission at Latakia, as near April 1st, 1910, as practicable. The chairman and clerk were instructed to prepare a program for the next meeting of the Commission. Rev. C. A. Dodds was appointed Moderator's Alternate, to preach the retiring Moderator's sermon. Rev. James S. Stewart and J. M. Balph, M. D., were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the death of Licentiate Juraidiny.

The retiring Moderator's sermon was preached by Rev. Walter McCarroll, from the text: Heb. 5: 7. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the chairman.

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1908, 3 P. M.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by Rev. James S. Stewart. The minutes of the preceding session were read. The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Licentiate Juraidiny presented its report, which follows:

"Your committee on the death of Jacob Juraidiny would respectfully report:

"This Godly and faithful servant of the Lord was suddenly called to rest June 25th, 1908, at Beirout, and was buried at his native place, Shwaifat. He was somewhere about 70 years of age, and had spent more than 40 years in connection with our Syrian Mission, as teacher and as preacher of the Word. He was licensed some 25 years ago. He was sound in faith and his delight was in the law of the Lord. It is not too much to say that he walked before God blameless, in regard to personal piety, study and use of the Scriptures, family worship, Sabbath-keeping and good works.

"His (7) children, with a single exception, are following in his footsteps. They rise up and call him blessed. 'Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men.' "

JAMES S. STEWART,
J. M. BALPH.
Committee

Papers were presented by:
Ma'alim Phillip, "Evangelical Schools."
Ma'alim Michael, "His Work in Tarsus."
Ma'alim Hanna, "His Work in Adana."

The minutes were read, corrected and adopted. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the chairman.

WALTER McCARROLL, Chairman.
JOHN PEOPLES, Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was taken from the table. The Committee presented a supplementary report. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items

1 and 2 were adopted. The supplementary report was adopted.

D. H. Elliott, Henry Wallace and W. W. Carithers spoke on behalf of the Indian Mission; S. A. S. Metheny spoke on behalf of the Jewish Mission; and J. G. Reed spoke on behalf of the Southern Mission.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The committee on Home Missions would respectfully report that two papers, the report of the Central Board of Missions, and the report of the Jewish Board of Missions, have been referred to us.

The spiritual condition of all the missions under the care of these Boards, as will be seen by the subjoined reports, is most gratifying to us, and is a cause of gratitude to the Lord for His goodness.

The Domestic Mission Board has had a very favorable year, all the appropriations having been paid in full and a respectable balance being in the treasury.

With regard to the matter contained in the reports we submit the following recommendations:

1. The Synod expresses its high appreciation of the industry, ability and faithfulness of the workers in the several Missions under the care of these Boards, its profound sympathy with those who have labored so hard as to impair their health, and its earnest desire for their complete recovery.

2. In particular the Synod recognizes the faithful and efficient services of the Rev. J. G. Reed, and hopes that circumstances may permit him to recall his resignation, and remain in the work at Selma.

3. That the synod expresses its appreciation of the generosity of the church that, in a year of great financial stringency, only one Mission, the Indian Mission, reports a deficit, a lack that we hope will soon be made up.

4. That as the litigation for the church property at East Craftsbury has been decided in favor of the church the congregation there be placed under the care of New York Presbytery.

5. That the proposed mission among the Southern Mountaineers be established, if sufficient funds be provided for the purpose and that the Board make this known to the church.

6. That the two vacancies in the Jewish Mission Board be filled by the election of Mr. John Buchanan and Dr. William Steele.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

With regard to the two resolutions referred to us from Colorado Presbytery we recommend:

1. That the Rev. T. M. Slater be appointed to have charge of a bureau of information concerning members of our church who move from their home congregations to localities where there are none, especially in the west.

2. That the work for the Chinese and the white people in Oakland be carried on separately and in different localities, that the Rev. W. C. Allen have charge of both and that such assistance as may be

necessary in the Chinese school be paid out of the funds derived from the Gregg bequest.

W. J. COLEMAN,
J. C. McFEETERS,
G. R. STEELE,
A. P. DONAHU,
T. J. Edgar.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In making this, our fifty-fifth annual report, we are glad to be able to state that the work entrusted to our care has prospered in every department. There was but little sickness in either mission. No epidemic prevailed among the scholars as in some former years; the attendance was good; encouraging progress was made in the studies, and notwithstanding the hard times, the financial exhibit is gratifying. The seeming exception in the case of the Indian Mission is partly accounted for by the purchase of young live stock which when sold in the fall, it is expected, will be quite a source of income.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

The Southern Mountaineers. The Board could not see its way clear to open a mission among this people; chiefly on account of the financial stringency. At the same time it should be stated that earnest efforts are being made by others to supply their spiritual needs, so that the destitution is not by any means so great as it was. We leave this whole matter with Synod.

East Craftsbury. The litigation with reference to the church property has terminated in our favor. The church building and parsonage are now in our possession. To Mr. Crozier largely belongs the credit for this. Never for a moment doubting that we had a legal as well as a moral right to the property, he labored unceasingly, and as it proved, successfully, to establish our claim. On account of sickness and a sore domestic affliction in which he has the sympathy of the entire church, he was not able to remain at East Craftsbury. Rev. Wm. McFarland has been the supply since Mr. Crozier left. At present the congregation is without preaching.

The congregation is quite small, numbering 9. The prospects for growth are not encouraging. The purpose for which the congregation was placed under our care having been accomplished so far as in our power we refer the whole matter back to Synod.

Receipts	$15,783 11
Expenditures	14,107 77
Balance	$ 1,675 34

The above includes Sustentation Fund.

We ask for this mission $12,000.

SOUTHERN MISSION.

But little change has been made in the mission force. Augusta Buck (colored) has left. Ella Frazier, Elvira Simms and Patti Kingston (all colored) have been employed as teachers.

Knox Academy opened on September 28, 1908, and closed on May

19, 1909. There was a total enrollment of 497. The average attendance was 326.

The teachers were all present at the opening of school. There was no break on account of ill health. While the small pox prevailed as an epidemic in some localities, there was but one case in our school. The fright occasioned by the disease and the health authorities' orders for vaccination, however, interfered considerably with the attendance during the months of March and April.

The work has been conducted on the same lines as in former years. Special prominence being given to the moral and Spiritual training of the pupils. There was an average of 359 Bible verses committed by each scholar during the year. At the morning Sabbath School the average attendance was 145; at the afternoon Bible class 132 and at the Christian Endeavor 20. The International Lessons were taught in the Sabbath School and the Blakeslie O. T. History in the Bible class. Pupils not attending any of these were detained on Monday afternoon, and the lesson gone over with them by the teachers.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

While but few changes have been made in the different departments, there has been decided progrss. The enrollment in the Sewing Department was 286; the expenses were $157.90; net proceeds $42.31. In the cooking department 82 were enrolled, expenses were $334.91, proceeds $316.14. In the carpentry department 181 boys were enrolled, expenses $74.42; cash proceeds $29.20; estimated value of work done to save expense to the school $40. Blacksmithing, 15 boys were enrolled: Expenses of material and equipment $218.52; cash proceeds to April 1, $22.85; completed work on hand $45.00; work for school $45.00.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Reed took up her work in the advanced grades after Thanksgiving giving weekly vocal lessons in grades from 5 up. Good singing and fair knowledge of the rudiments of music were the result as shown by the tests. Instruction on the piano was given to 17 of the more advanced pupils. Miss Isa Marshall gave the vocal lessons in the primary grades up to and including No. 4 and to 13 pupils lessons on the piano. Mr. Reed refers to her work in high words of commendation.

EAST SELMA.

The enrollment was 140 and average attendance 97. The tuition amounted to $127.25. "This branch" Mr. Reed writes, "is meeting a very decided need."

PLEASANT GROVE.

Mrs. Kynett taught a summer school during July and August and a winter term from November to April inclusive. Enrollment 93; average attendance 34. Tuition collected $28.80. The school house was remodeled at a cost of $284.30. Mr. Reed preached here the third Sabbath of each month. Mr. Kynett has charge of the farm. He is a hard working farmer, Mr. Reed writes, and is constantly making improvements.

VALLEY CREEK.

There was an enrollment of 37; an average attendance of 21. Mr. Reed preached here the first Sabbath of each month during the school term. Average attendance upon the preaching service 27. A four months day school was carried on with an enrollment of 15 and an average attendance of 13. Mrs. S. F. Kingston had this work in charge and it was carried on without cost to the Board.

Mr. Reed mentions several lines of effort carried on outside of the regular work that have proved very helpful.

Miss Greer led a number of the girls in a Y. W. C. A.

Miss Fowler conducted two Bible study classes for girls each week and also a class among mothers of the neighborhood.

Prof. Bottoms continued the drill of the band and made it a very attractive feature of the institution.

The library and reading room received special attention. Miss Simms, who has charge, has shown herself, Mr. Reed writes, well fitted for the position.

The physical laboratory under charge of Prof. Anderson was quite an aid in teaching physics; $59.99 were spent in the equipment this year.

We regret very much in closing our report to have to add that Mr. Reed feels called on to resign his position as superintendent. The condition of his wife's health is the main cause. We regret this very much. Mr. Reed has shown himself thoroughly well fitted for the position; his wife has proved a help-meet indeed. They have made an impression on the work that will be lasting. Their relations with the Board, the workers, and the people of Selma have been most cordial. A very earnest petition signed by the faculty and pupils of Knox Academy and members of the congregation, bearing testimony to the excellence of the work done by Mr. Reed, and remonstrating against the acceptance of his resignation, was received by the Board. A committee has been appointed to confer with him and see if he cannot be persuaded to withdraw his resignation.

Mr. Reed was called to Morning Sun, Ia., at the close of the session by the death of Mr. George Cunningham, the father of Mrs. Reed. To them both the Board extends its deepest sympathy and assures them of an interest in our prayers that in this and all other of their trials they may have the divine guidance and support.

Receipts	$10,409 34
Expenditures	9,985 91
Balance	$ 423 45

We ask for this Mission, $5,000.

INDIAN MISSION.

At the close of the school year, Mr. and Mrs. McElhinney returned to their homes, Mrs. McElhinny feeling that she was not strong enough to continue in the work as she had been doing. Mr. Carithers writes in high terms of commendation of the services they rendered to the mission. Shortly before the closing of the school, Miss McKnight was compelled to quit work because of rheumatism and nervous exhaustion. She is slowly recovering and it is hoped will soon be out again. There has been but little change in the mission force. Paul

Coleman gave efficient help during the summer. Miss Mary Adams spent her college vacation there. Owen Thompson, Licentiate, arrived at the mission on May 8, and will remain during the summer.

The school opened September 8, 1908, and closed May 3, 1909. The enrollment was 65; 26 of the children were in attendance every day of the school term. The work has been conducted on the same lines as heretofore.

Services were held every Sabbath. There were two communions. At the Spring Communion there was an accession of nine. Two have united with the church since. Rev. J. L. McCartney assisted at the Spring communion. Both he and his wife spoke at a number of meetings in the evening.

The Sabbath Schools have been carried on with a good degree of interest, and the attendance has been, on the whole, gratifying. A new school was started in a private house in a very needy district. There has been as large an attendance as the house would accommodate. In all the Sabbath schools, the enrollment was 342. In that among the Apache Indians conducted by Miss Emma McFarland there was an attendance of 40, all Indians; in the Santiago district an attendance of 60, all white. In the new Sabbath School, conducted by Mrs. Carithers, 30, all white; at the church an attendance in one school of 100, all Indians, and in the other at the church an attendance of 112, all white. In the primary room of the regular school work the verses committed were John, Chapters 1-15 and some of the Psalms and Isaiah 55. Total number of verses committed 3,448. The books read were Luke, John, I and II Corinthians, Romans and 1st Samuel. A weekly lesson was given on the life of Christ.

In the advanced grade the portions of scripture studied were 2d Samuel, and 1st and 2d Kings in connection with the books of Chronicles. The children made out an outline of the history of Israel as covered by these books. A study was also made of the Psalms in connection with commiting them to memory, and the gospel of John was also taken up in memory work. The total number of verses committed in this room was 20,439 and the total in both rooms was 23,887.

In the higher grade there was a connected line of study taken up on the life and work of Paul. The children each wrote a booklet giving the main points of Paul's history. The work of committing and reviewing the Shorter Catechism was kept up in this room throughout the year.

While some of the church members have made good advance in Christian life, and are aiding their fellow Indians in many ways, there has been a persistent effort by those on the old Indian road to draw off the allegiance of our members, and in some cases successfully. In sickness they have induced some to turn back to the old form of sorcery or "making medicine" for help. Some are not strong enough to resist and have joined in the old Indian worship. Their cases are under process. "There seems," Mr. Carithers writes, "to be great activity among the powers of darkness, and while there is a sad side to it, yet we are glad to note that the session of the congregation could not possibly stand more united or more strongly than they do on all these matters."

In a material way the year has been a good one for the mission. The main crops did well and the sales were quite satisfactory. The broom factory is making a steady growth. They are getting out a

larger number of brooms each year and more of the boys are learning now to make a good broom.

Some additions have been made to the equipment in the way of a tower with storage tank for water for the supply of the buildings, and an alfalfa barn. In closing his report Mr. Carithers adds: "Mention should be made of the aid extended by the L. M. S. of a number of the congregations in the help they have forwarded to the mission. While the record of the year as a whole falls far short of what we wished yet we have the witness of God's Spirit, working in many hearts; we have also the Devil's activity as a witness that his kingdom is being attacked. Our desire is that the Spirit may find in us a more ready channel for his activities that the honor may be to his name."

Receipts	$ 7,134 62
Expenses	9,196 41
Balance overdrawn	$ 2,061 79

We ask for this mission, $5,000.

The chairman and secretary were appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman,
A. C. COULTER, Secretary,
W. J. COLEMAN, Cor. Secretary.

THE JEWISH MISSION.

The Jewish Mission Board respectfully reports: That the work of the mission has been carried forward very much on the plan of last year, and with equal encouragement. The Lord has sustained his misionaries, and given them strength, and comfort in their work.

The preaching is usually well attended, and the good order and interest manifested tell of the hunger of souls. Some remain after the services to receive more instruction in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Sabbath school numbers about 25 scholars, and the Sewing school about the same. A goodly number of these are attending both schools, receiving much instruction in the way of salvation through the only Saviour, Jesus Christ. The earnest talks about their Messiah, and his atoning sacrifice, make many faces beam with a great new hope.

The night school has about 20 young men in course of instruction, receiving the light, and catching the spirit, of the Christian religion, while they learn their other lessons. The benefits enjoyed in this department make many friends for the mission, and often lead to a desire for better things.

Many Jews enter the mission at all hours of the day, and many hours of the night, to make inquiry concerning Jesus, and the way of redemption. The missionaries report that at least 900 have thus been brought to the open door of the kingdom of God, to hear the offer of the gospel in the past year. The gospel is also carried into many homes by personal visiting, and in almost every case a cordial reception is given the missionaries. The hope is entertained that during next year the work will be greatly enlarged in this way, and likewise at the ship landings where the immigrants may be opportunely reached, and assisted in seking Christ, as they are in quest of better conditions.

Mr. E. J. Feuersohn was ordained May 4th, 1909, to the Christian ministry, by the Philadelphia Presbytery.

The Board asks $2,500, for carrying the work forward another year.

Two vacancies exist in the board, one caused by the death of Elder James Patterson, and another by Mr. Thomas McCandless who had been chosen to fill the vacancy occurring in the death of Elder William Steele having declined to serve. These should be filled by the action of Synod.

Dr. S. A. S. Metheny has been appointed to represent the board on behalf of the mission, on the floor of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS, President.
T. P. STEVENSON, Secretary.

The Special Committee on The Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System reported. The report was received, and after T. P. Stevenson had been heard on behalf of the Alliance, the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLIANCE OF RREFORMED CHURCHES, AND NATIONAL LIBERAL IMMIGRATION LEAGUE

Your committee would respectfully report:

Two papers were placed in our hands. One the report of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of Reformed churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system. The other a paper setting forth the purposes of the National Liberal Immigration League.

In the first paper your committee was gratified to note reference to, and deep interest manifested in, such subjects as the following:

Home Missions, Foreign Missions,, Evangelistic Work, Sabbath Schools, Marriage and Divorce, National Christianity and others of considerable importance.

Under a section of the report designated "The United States A Christian Country," we were glad to find the following record: "Admirable papers were presented upon this subject at the February meeting by Gen. R. E. Prime and the Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D.

Your committee would recommend:

1. That Drs. R. M. Sommerville and T. P. Stevenson be appointed delegates to attend the Ninth Council of the Alliance to be held in New York City June 15 to 25, 1909, and that our clerk send the names and addresses of the above mentioned to Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D., 7 West 55 St., New York.

2. That Dr. T. P. Stevenson, who has been appointed delegate to this Synod by the Alliance, be heard in connection with the adoption of this report.

On the second paper we recommend no action.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY,
THOS. PATTON,
J. C. SLATER,
R. J. WALLACE,
S. M. STEELE.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 to 5 were adopted.

Item 6 was amended and adopted.

Items 7 and 8 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The committee on finance would respectfully report:

That the following papers and items have been referred to us, vis:

1. Reports of Mrs. W. J. Ward, secretary of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association and of Mrs. Annette G. Wallace, treasurer.

2. Report of S. A. S. Metheny, treasurer of Jewish Mission Board.

3. Report of J. S. Tibby, Synod's financial agent for National Reform; of the committee on testimony bearing, and Synod's permanent committee on temperance.

4. Report of J. S. Tibby, treasurer of the literary fund.

5. Report of J. S. Tibby, on printing and sale of 1908 minutes.

6. Report of Synod's Board of trustees, J. S. Tibby, treasurer.

7. Report of Walter T. Miller, treasurer.

8. Report of the Board of church erection, Walter T. Miller, treasurer.

9. Tarsus relief fund, Walter T. Miller, treasurer.

10. Report of committee on Evangelistic work.

11. Report of Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary; also items from the committee on theological seminary and education, and of the Board of trustees of Geneva College.

12. Report of Central Board of Missions.

13. Report of Mission Conference.

14. Request of Colorado Presbytery for $850, for Oakland Chinese mission.

15. Our apportionment to the Presbyterian Alliance.

16. Bill for printing the order of business.

We have examined these reports and find that they have been audited and approved, by their respective Boards. In view of the financial depression we have great reason to express our gratitude for the satisfactory condition of the finances of the church as evidenced by these reports, and would record our gratitude to God, for his goodness.

We commend also the energy and faithfulness of those who have had charge of the finances.

We recommend:

1. That the synopses and summaries of Treasurer Walter T. Miller, and the reports of the Treasurers: J. S. Tibby, S. A. S. Metheny, Annette G. Wallace, and a recapitulation of the balance sheets of the various treasurers be published in the minutes.

2. That the treasurer of the Literary Fund be authorized to issue a new edition of five thousand copies of Psalms selections. We recommend also: That no addition of the 1889 version be printed this year.

3. That the Clerk of Synod be directed to have one thousand copies of the minutes of the Synod of 1909, printed, and that they be placed in the hands of the treasurer of the literary fund to be sold at 35 cents per copy; that J. S. Tibby be authorized to pay the bill for printing minutes of Synod out of the literary fund.

4. That Messrs Geo. A. McKee, D. C. Martin and Robert J. Ward be elected their own successors on Synod's Board of Trustees, for a term of three years beginning June 15, 1909.

5. That J. S. McGaw and A. F. Reid be elected their own successors on the Board of Control.

6. That we recommend the following appropriations, with the dates for congregational collections:

June, third Sabbath, Students' Aid Fund	$ 1,500
July, first Sabbath, Aged Ministers' three-eights, and widows and orphans' five-eights	4,000
July, third Sabbath, Theological Seminary	1,000
August, first Sabbath, Theological Seminary	4,000
August, third Sabbath, Jewish Mission	2,500
September, first Sabbath, Southern Mission	5,000
September, third Sabbath, Indian Mission	6,000
October, first Sabbath, Domestic Mission Fund	12,000
November, first Sabbath, National Reform	8,000
November, fourth Sabbath, Temperance	2,000
December, first Sabbath, Syrian Mission	17,500
January, first Sabbath, Mission in China	5,000
February, first Sabbath, Testimony Bearing	4,000
March, first Sabbath, Geneva College	3,000
April, first Sabbath, Church Erection	2,000

7. That five hundred dollars be appropriated from the Domestic Mission Fund for the use of the permanent committee on evangelistic work.

8. That our apportionment to the Presbyterian Alliance for 1909, be paid from the literary fund, also the cost of printing Synod's order of business be paid from the same fund.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL McNAUGHER,
JAMES S. McGAW.
G. M. ROBB,
D. S. FARIS,
JOSEPH DODDS.

REPORT OF MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference, consisting of the Central Board and thirteen members of Presbyteries, met in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chicago, May 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. Fifty congregations and mission stations were recommended for aid to the amount of $16,185 as follows:

Colorado Presbytery.

La Junta	$ 300 00
Denver	325 00
Canon City	150 00
Los Angeles	325 00
Santa Ana	600 00
Oakland, a sum not to exceed	850 00

Content, Regina and other places in the North West.
To Colorado Presbytery to cultivate this field on terms and by methods to be determined by the Presbytery 750 00

Illinois Presbytery.

Church Hill	350 00
Selma	400 00
Staunton, in case of settlement	200 00
Staunton for supplies, $5 per day not to exceed sum of	150 00

New York Presbytery.

West Hebron	500 00
Craftsbury, on the condition that the congregation raise an equal amount	125 00
White Lake	150 00
Cambridge	500 00
Coldenham	250 00
Second Boston	100 00
Brooklyn	100 00
Ryegate, an amount equal to what the congregation raises not to exceed	60 00

Rochester Presbytery

Lisbon, in case of settlement	400 00
For supplies, $5 per day not to exceed sum of	150 00
Syracuse	500 00
Lochiel	300 00

Iowa Presbytery.

Vernon, for settlement as much as congregation raises, not to exceed sum of	300 00
For supplies, $5 per day not to exceed sum of	150 00
Hickory Grove	100 00

Kansas Presbytery.

Kansas City	550 00
Superior	300 00
Lieb Mission Station	160 00
Wahoo, as much as congregation raises not to exceed the sum of	200 00
Billings, for settlement	195 00
For supplies	100 00
Tabor	100 00
Hebron, for settlement	300 00
For stated supply for half time	150 00
Topeka	400 00
Holmwood, for stated supply for four months and supplies..	250 00
For Supplies	175 00

Both on condition that the congregation raise $170.

Ohio Presbytery

Hetherton	350 00
Cedarville	300 00
Jonathan's Creek	300 00
Bellefontaine	450 00
Fair Grove	400 00
Belle Centre	300 00

Pittsburg Presbytery

Adamsville and Middleton	300 00
Slippery Rock	300 00
McKeesport, for settlement	600 00
For supplies	500 00
Pine Creek	150 00
Bear Run and Mahoning	200 00
Brookland	200 00
North Union	100 00
Mercer	300 00
Youngstown	700 00

N. B. and N. S. Presbytery.

St. John, on condition that the congregation raise $500	300 00
Barnesville, for supplies for four months, $7 per Sabbath.	
Cornwallis, on condition that the congregation raise an equal amount	400 00

Three subjects were before the conference for consideration:

1. The proper distribution of appropriated funds.

2. Securing the attendance of elders in the Mission Conference.

3. The distribution of appropriated funds after a congregation becomes vacant.

As to the first subject we recommend:

1. That only so much of these appropriations be paid at the end of any quarter as is necessary to supplement that proportion of the subscriptions made by the congregations which is due at that time.

2. That in making recommendations Presbyteries be directed to inquire whether the full amount subscribed for the last year was paid, and to take this into consideration in making their recommendations for the coming year.

As to the second subject we recommend: That Presbyteries be instructed to urge the elders of aid-receiving congregations attending Synod to attend the Mission Conference in the interests of their own congregations.

As to the third subject, we recommend: That where the amount subscribed by the congregation is sufficient to pay $15 per Sabbath no supplement be given. In all other cases the Central Board be instructed to pay the part of the appropriations sufficient to equal $15 per Sabbath not to exceed the balance of the appropriation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman.
F. M. WILSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod.

Dear Brethren The Trustees of the Synod beg leave to report, and in connection therewith to submit the report on the Treasurer for the year ending May 1st, 1909.

First—The persons elected at the last meeting of Synod to serve on the Board have accepted their appointment, viz.: Messrs. Wm. Blair, Oliver Wylie and John M. Allen.

Second—The following bequests were received during the year: Miss Martha McConnell, Los Angeles, Cal., Domestic Mission, current,

$1,100; Jos. L. Dodds, Wyman, Iowa, Chinese Home and Southern Mission, current, $100; Mrs. Belle T. Dodds, Sterling, Kansas, Widows' and Children, current, $67.24; Miss Angelina Adams, Utica, O., Indiana Mission, current, $251.30; Wm. F. Bell, Brooklyn, N. Y., Theological Seminary, current, $500; Chas. McIlroy, Sparta, Ill. Land in Kansas was sold by his executors netting $12,635, less expenses of $575.75, leaving $12,059.25 to be divided in five yearly payments to National Reform one-sixth; Testimony Bearing, one-sixth; Syrian Mission, two-sixths; Home Mission, one-sixth, and Southern Mission, one-sixth. Rev. D. J. Shaw, New Alexandria, Pa., Foreign Missions $11,524.71, and National Reform $500. J. M. Elder, New Alexandria, Pa., Geneva College Endowment Fund, $200; Miss Lodema Whittaker, Hopkinton, Iowa, Widows and Children's Endowment Fund, $941; Thomas Christison, Mukwonago, Wis., Sustentation Fund Endowment, $100.

The following Donations were received:

Rev. David and Mrs. M. E. McKee, Clarinda, Iowa, Memorial Fund, $10,000; the interest yearly to be divided equally among Aged Peoples' Home, Domestic Mission, Aged Ministers, and Widows and Children Dec. Ministers. Mrs. Edna S. E. McKee, Pittsburg, Pa., Foreign Mission Fund, $2,000; $60.00 of the interest yearly for the Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee, Latakia Hospital Cot, balance of interest to Foreign Missions. Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee, Aged Ministers, Widows and Children's Fund, $1,000; interest yearly to Aged Ministers, Widows and Children's Fund.

Third.—The aggregate amount of bonds, mortgages, real estate and other assets held by your Board is $567,208.90. Out of the earnings for the year closed the Board declared a dividend on endowments of $365,778.24 at 5 1-2 per cent. of $20,062.80.

Fourth.—The amount of the David Gregg endowment fund is $157,-015.73. The amount of profit on this account is $8,991.00.

Fifth.—We must make report of an unsuccessful attempt of the United Presbyterian Congregation of East Craftsbury, Vt., to wrest the Church property in that town from the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, its proper owners.

An injunction was taken out against its seizure in October, 1906 and a decretal order handed down January 6th, 1909 enjoining the defendants from taking possession of, or further occupying the church edifice and land belonging therewith and the parsonage. The interests of the church were ably looked after by Rev. John Crozier to whom all credit is due.

Sixth.—The books and accounts of the Board were audited by a committee consisting of Messrs. Oliver Wylie and John M. Allen, and found correct as per their certificate attached to the report of the Treasurer.

Seventh.—The term for which Messrs. George A. McKee, D. C. Martin and Robert J. Ward were made members of the Board will expire June 15th, 1909. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law.

Eighth.—Messrs. James S. Tibby and R. J. Ward alternate, were appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board,

JAMES S. TIBBY, Secretary.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 20, 1909.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

1908.		
May 1.	Balance	$161,211 82
	Notes and subscriptions paid	4,426 13
1909.		
May 1.	Balance	$165,637 95

STUDENTS' AID FUND ENDOWMENT.

1908.		
May 1.	Balance	$ 16,256 88
	Rev. J. S. Duncan, on acount of note	20 00
1909.		
May 1.	Balance	$ 16,276 88

SUSTENTATION FUND ENDOWMENT.

1909.		
April 30.	Thos. Christison, bequest	100 00

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN DEC. MINISTERS.

1908.		
May 1.	Balance	5,829 02
	Miss Lodema Whittaker, bequest	941 00
1909.		
May 1.	Balance	6,770 02

THE FOLLOWING ENDOWMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Theological Seminary	$ 64,720 69
Foreign Mission	49,633 43
Domestic Mission	32,111 30
Southern Mission	5,481 28
Chinese Home Mission	400 00
Indian Mission	2,000 00
Aged Ministers	12,878 52
James and Mary Jane Carlisle, for Aged Ministers	500 00
Mission in China	237 50
Church Erection	3,400 00
Jas. R. McKee Fund for Widows and Children	2,000 00
Jas. R. McKee Fund for Foreign Mission	1,000 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation	4,867 80
Iowa Presbytery	700 00
Wilkinsburg, Pa., Congregation	500 00
American Bible Society	50 00
Mrs. Sarah J. Steele Fund for Geneva College	1,000 00
David Gregg Fund, not governed by regular dividend	157,015 73
Total Endowment receiving 5 1-2 per cent dividend	364,778 24
Total Endowment for next year's dividend	383,265 37

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAGE FUND.

1908.			
May 1.	Balance		$156,350 00
	Invested in Mortgages during year...		9,200 00
			$165,550 00
	Mortgages paid off		8,250 00
1909.			
May 1.	Balance		$157,300 00

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST INTEREST FUND.

1909.			
May 1.	Interest received during year from Mortgages		$ 8,991 00
	Charged fund 5 per cent. for handling funds	449 55	
	Foreign Missions received	2,847 15	
	Domestic Missions received	1,708 29	
	Sustentation Fund received	569 43	
	Church Erection received	569 43	
	Theological Seminary received	569 43	
	Southern Mission received	569 43	
	Chinese Home Mission received	569 43	
	Widows and Children received	569 43	
	Central Allegheny Congregation	569 43	
			$ 8,991 00

REGULAR MORTGAGE FUND.

1908.		
May 1.	Balance	$339,032 19
	Invested in Mortgages	24,171 86
		$363,204 05
	Mortgages paid off	18,800 00
1909.		
May 1.	Balance	$344,404 05

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1909.			
April 30.	Receipts from Mortgages and Notes..	$ 21,278 21	
	Net income from real estate	565 54	
	Geneva College Overdraft	656 57	
	D. Gregg Acct. for handling funds...	449 55	
	Sundry Accounts	12 31	
	Indian Mission for overdraft	87 19	
	Domestic Mission for overdraft	48 50	
		$ 23,097 96	

Expenditures.

1909.			
April 30.	Rev. R. Shield's Donation, interest..		56 00
	Cash Donation		84 50
	W. P. M. S. Pittsburg Presbytery...		9 00
	Incidental		50
	Rev. C. Clyde Home Fund		47 50
	62 per cent of Office expenses for y'r		1,571 04
	Pittsburg Pres. Education fund.....		47 87
	Pittsburg Pres. Investment fund....		129 25
	1909 Dividend 5 1-2 per cent on $364,778.24, viz:		
	Geneva College on $161,211.82.....$	8,866 65	
	Mrs. S. J. Steele on $1,000.....	55.00	
	Theological Seminary on $64,720.69..	3,559 64	
	Students' Aid Fund, $16,256 88.....	894 13	
	For. Mission, $49,633.43.....	2,729 84	
	Domestic Mission, $32,111.30.....	1,766 12	
	Southern Mission, $5,481.28	301 47	
	Chinese Home Mission, $400.....	22 00	
	Indian Mission, $2,000	110 00	
	Aged Ministers, $12,878.52	708 32	
	Jas. and M. J. Carlisle, $500	27 50	
	Mission in China, $237.50	13 06	
	Widows and Children, $5,829.02.....	320 59	
	Church Erection, $3,400	187 00	
	Jas. R. McKee W. and C, $2,000.....	110 00	
	Jas. R. McKee, For. Mission, $1,000..	55 00	
	Brooklyn, N. Y. Cong. $4,867.80.....	267 73	
	Iowa Presbytery, $700.....	38 50	
	Wilkinsburg, Pa. Cong., $500.....	27 50	
	American Bible Society, $50.....	2 75	
	Balance of profits to Cont. Fund....	1,085 50	
	Sundry expenses	4 00	
			$ 23,097 96

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

1909.			
April 30.	Rent of Office .....$	318 00	
	Telephone	69 78	
	Bond of Treasurer	40 00	
	P. O. Stamps	30 00	
	Car Fare of Board and Treasurer.....	19 77	
	Printing	30 50	
	Stationery	4 30	
	Insurance on office furniture	22 00	
	Salary	2,000 00	
			$ 2,534 55

ABOVE EXPENSES DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.

Southern Mission	190 17	
Geneva College	190 17	
Indian Mission	190 17	
Theological Seminary	126 77	
Domestic Mission	126 77	
Testimony Bearing Fund	63 39	
Chinese Home Mission	76 07	
Interest Account	1,571 04	
		$ 2,534 55

CASH ACCOUNT.

1908.		
May 1.	Balance	38 30
	Receipts	141,082 72
		141,121 02
	Expenditures	135,687 22
1909.		
May 1.	Balance	5,433 80

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

1908.		
May 1.	Balance	484 68
1909.		
May 1.	Balance same as last year	484 68

CONTINGENT FUND.

1908.		
May 1.	Balance overdrawn	84 33
	Balance of year's profits credited...	1,085 50
1909.		
May 1.	Balance	1,001 17

MISS MARTHA McCONNELL, BEQUEST, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

1908.		
May 18.	Cash from Miss Mary J. McConnell, Executrix	1,100 00
	Credited to Domestic Mission Current Account	1,100 00

JOSEPH L. DODDS, BEQUEST, WYMAN, IOWA.

1909.		
Jan'y 13.	Cash from J. B. Dodds, executor.....	100 00
	Credited equally between Chinese Home and Southern Mission	100 00

MRS. BELLE T. DODDS, BEQUEST, STERLING, KANSAS.

1909.		
March 27.	Cash from Mrs. L. S. Edgar, Administratrix	61 24
	Credited to Widows and Children Current Acount	67 24

MISS ANGELINA ADAMS, BEQUEST, UTICA, O.

1909.		
April 14.	Cash from R. A. Adams, Administra'r	251 30
	Credited to Indian Mission Current Account	251 30

WILLIAM F. BELL, BEQUEST, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

1908.			
Sept. 28.	Cash from S. B. Stuchfield, Executor		500 00
	Credited to Theological Seminary, less 50 cents Not. Fees		500 00

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUEST, N. Y., FIFTH PAYMENT.

1909.			
April 30.	Cash from Mrs. Samuel Murtland, Executrix		6,000 00
	Distributed to—		
	Foreign Mission Fund	$ 2,500 00	
	Sustentation Fund	2,000 00	
	Southern Fund	1,000 00	
	Indian Fund	500 00	
			$ 6,000 00

CHAS. McILROY, BEQUEST, SPARTA, ILL.

1908.			
Nov. 4.	Cash from Executors first payment...		2,411 85
	Less expenses of Executors and Board		553 86
	Distributed as per Donor's wishes viz:—		
	Testimony Bearing Fund Current Acct ..	$309 66	
	National Reform Current Acct.....	309 66	
	Syrian Mission, Current Acct.....	619 35	
	Domestic Mission, Current Acct.....	309 66	
	Southern Mission, Current Acct	309 66	
			$ 1,857 99

REV. D. J. SHAW, BEQUEST, NEW ALEXANDRIA, PA.

1908.			
July 21.	Cash from Dr. J. R. Jack, Executor.....		$ 12024 71
	Distributed as follows, viz:		
	Foreign Missions	$11,524 71	
	National Reform	500 00	12,024 71

J. M. ELDER, BEQUEST, NEW ALEXANDRIA, PA.

1908.			
Dec. 9.	Cash from J. C. Elder, Executor.....		200 00
	Credited to Geneva Col. Endow. fund		200 00

MISS LODEMA WHITTAKER, BEQUEST, HOPKINTON, IOWA.

1909.			
March 17.	Cash from Rev. S. Turner Foster		941 00
	Credited to Widows & Children Endowment Fund		941 00

MISS M. REBECCA EUWER, ALLEGHENY, PA., COLLEGE NOTE

1909.			
April 15.	Note discounted by E. C. Euwer, Administrator		730 00

THOS. CHRISTISON, BEQUEST, MUKWONAGO, WIS.

1909.		
April 12.	Amount of Donation at death.....	100 00
	Transferred to Sustentation Endowment Fund	100 00

REV. DAVID AND MRS. M. E. McKEE, MEMORIAL FUND, CLARINDA, PA.

	Cash per Mrs. M. E. McKee.....	10,000 00
	Interest yearly to be divided equally among Aged Peoples' Home, Domestic Mission, Aged Ministers and Widows & Children Dec. Min. Funds	

MRS. EDA S. E. McKEE, FOREIGN MISSION FUND, PITTSBURG.

	Cash per Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee...	2,000 00
	$60.00 of interest yearly for Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee. Latakia Hospital Cot, balance of interest to Foreign Missions.	

MRS. EDA S. E. McKEE, MINISTERS, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND, PITTSBURG, PA.

	Cash per Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee..	1,000 00
	Interest yearly for Ministers, Widows and Orphans' Fund.	

DONATIONS RECEIVING INTEREST DURING LIFE OF DONORS.

	Rev. R. Shields, Almonte, Canada....	$1,400 00	
	Cash	1,850 00	
	Mrs. C. J. Beighley, Raymilton, Pa..	300 00	
	James Aiton, Rochester, N. Y.....	700 00	—$ 4,250 00

REV. CHAS. CLYDE HOME FUND.

1908.		
May 1.	Balance	1,200 41
	Averaged interest during year.....	47 50
		1,247 91
	1908 Taxes	33 95
1909		
May 1.	Balance	1,213 96

DOMESTIC MISSION.

1909.

Receipts.

April 30.	From Congregations .....$	4,881 51	
	Miss Martha McConnell Bequest	1,100 00	
	Chas. McIlroy, Bequest, 1st payment..	309 66	
	D. Gregg, 1909 dividend	1,708 29	
	1909 dividend on $32,111 30	1,766 12	—$ 9,765 58

Expenditures.

Colorado Presbytery	$ 1,831 25	
Illinois Presbytery	1,130 00	
Iowa Presbytery	468 25	
Kansas Presbytery	1,832 42	
N. B. & N. S. Presbytery	685 50	
New York Presbytery	1,134 17	
Ohio Presbytery	1,571 97	
Pittsburg Presbytery	2,452 49	
Rochester Presbytery	1,023 07	
Rev. W. J. McBurney, treveling expenses to Content, Can	66 72	
Rev. Wm. McFarland, Preaching East Craftsbury	231 00	
Printing	9 50	
Expense handling fund	126 77	
Interest for overdraft	48 59—	$ 12,611 70
Balance overdrawn May 1st, 1908...		438 76
		$ 13,050 46
1909. May 1. Balance overdrawn		3,284 88

SUSTENTATION FUND.

1908.

May 1. Balance $ 3,143 60

Receipts.

Returned by Denver Col., Congregation	$ 250 00	
A. Alexander Bequest, 5th payment	2,000 00	
D. Gregg, 1909 dividend	569 43	
From Congregations	54 50—	2,873 93

Expenditures.

Rev. D. C. Faris, order 1908 Synod	58 33	
Mercer, Pa., Congregation	30 65	
Rev. J. A. Black	60 00	
Rev. John Yates	83 33	
Rev. J. H. Pritchard	25 00	
Rev. J. M. Foster	800 00—	1,057 31
1909. May 1. Balance		4,960 22

SOUTHERN MISSION.

1908.

May 1. Balance 1,694 21

Receipts.

From Congregations	$ 3,542 91
Receipts at Mission	2,916 66
Jos. L. Dodds, Bequest	50 00

	Chas. McIlroy, Bequest, 1st payment....	309 66	
	A. Alexander, Bequest, 5th payment....	1,000 00	
	A Kansas Bequest	25 00	
	D. Gregg, 1909 dividend	569 43	
	1909 Dividend on $5,481.28.....	301 47—	8,715 13
			10,409 334

Expenditures.

	Traveling expenses of Workers	318 85	
	Supplies paid from Pittsburg, Pa.....	672 25	
	Expenses at Mission	2,802 18	
	Expenses handling fund	190 17	
	Salaries	6,002 46—	9,985 91
1909.			
May 1.	Balance		423 43

INDIAN MISSION.

Receipts.

	W. P. M. S. Pittsburg Presbytery	1,000 00	
	Receipts at Mission per W. W. C.....	2,288 13	
	From Congregations	2,985 19	
	A. Alexander Bequest, 5th payment....	500 00	
	Miss Angelina Adams Bequest	251 30	
	1909 dividend 5½ per cent on $2,000...	110 00—	7,134 62

Expenditures.

	Expenses at the Mission per W. W. C.	3,298 75	
	Traveling Expenses of Workers	247 85	
	Paul Coleman, Preaching	135 00	
	D. H. Elliott, Preaching.....	25 00	
	Supplies from Pittsburg, Pa	11 89	
	Salaries	4,071 51	
	Expenses handling funds	190 17	
	Interest on overdraft	87 19—	8,067 36
			932 74
	Balance overdrawn May 1st, 1908.....		1,129 05
	Balance overdrawn May 1st, 1909.....		2,061 79

GENEVA COLLEGE FUNDS.

Receipts.

	From Congregations	1,115 98	
	Tuition and local receipts	4,259 61	
	Interest on Notes	561 42	
	Mrs. S. J. Steele, 1909 dividend	55 00	
	1909 dividend on $161,211.82.....	8,866 65	
	Rents	240 00—	15,098 66

Expenditures.

	Salaries to May 1st, 1909	11,690 59	
	Prizes	55 00	

	Supplies	3,651 00	
	Salaries outside Faculty	293 77	
	Printing	155 50	
	Repairs	146 85	
	Piano	535 00	
	Drilling water well	131 41	
	Taxes on Athletic Field	41 25	
	Advertisement	106 66	
	Sewering	37 60	
	Interest on Dormitory Note	58 02	
	Laboratory Supplies	248 64	
	Interest an overdraft	656 57	
	Expenses for services handling funds..	190 17—	17,998 03
			2,899 37
	Balance overdrawn May 1st, 1908		6,722 80
	Balance overdrawn May 1st, 1909		9,622 17

GENEVA COLLEGE LLIBRARY FUND.

1908. May 1.	Balance		318 96
	Receipts.		
	From Congregations		2 91
			321 87
	Expenditures.		
	Magazines	49 80	
	Books	161 12—	210 92
1909. May 1.	Balance		110 95

GENEVA CO., LTD. ACCOUNT.

1908. May 1.	Balance due Trustees of Synod	998 19
1909. May 1.	Balance same as last year	998 19

TEMPERANCE FUND.

1908. May 1.	Balance		312 34
	Receipts.		
	From Congregations		842 27
			1,154 61
	Expenditures.		
	Postage and Expressage	287 41	
	Printing	273 99	
	Expenses per W. W Carithers	700 00—	1,261 40
1909. May 1.	Balance overdrawn		106 79

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

1908. May 1.	Balance		151 87
	Receipts.		
	From Congregations	1,461 05	
	Wm. F. Bell, Bequest	499 50	
	Dr. Gregg, 1909 dividend	569 43	
	1909 Dividend	3,559 64—	6,089 62
			6,241 49
	Expenditures.		
	Salaries 6-1-'08 to 6-1-'09	6,000 02	
	Railroad fare to Board Meetings	64 84	
	Expenses for handling Funds	126 77	
	Incidental	46—	6,192 09
1909. May 1.	Balance		49 40

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1908. May 1.	Balance		996 30
	Expenditures.		
	Books and Magazines purchased		62 42
1909. May 1.	Balance		938 88

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

1908. May 1.	Balance		4,750 19
	Receipts.		
	Rent from Park Institute		800 00
			5,550 19
	Expenditures.		
	1909 Taxes	282 84	
	Gas	36 70	
	Repairs	548 49	
	Supplies	1628	884 21
1909. May 1.	Balance		4,665 88

STUDENTS' AID FUND.

1908. May 1.	Balance		422 50
	Receipts.		
	From Congregations	722 80	
	Rev. H. McCarroll on acct. Note	15 00	
	Rev. H. G. Patterson on acct. Note	50 00	

	Rev. J. D. Edgar	30 00	
	1909 dividend on $16,256.88	894 13—	1,711 93
			2,134 43

Expenditures.

	By order of Board of Control:		
	Paid to Students of Seminary		1,680 00
1909.			
May 1.	Balance		454 43

AGED MINISTERS' FUND.

1908.			
May 1.	Balance		1,293 38

Receipts.

	From Congregations	369 12	
	1909 dividend on $12,878.52	708 32	
	1909 dividend Jas. & M. J. Carlisle fund	27 50—	1,104 94

Expenditures.

	By Order of Board of Control:		
	Rev. J. C. K. Faris	300 00	
	Rev. D. S. Faris	250 00	
	Rev. W. M. George	250 00	
	Rev. J. M. Armour	300 00	
	Rev. D. H. Coulter	300 00—	1,400 00
1909.			
May 1.	Balance		998 32

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN DECEASED MINISTERS.

1908.			
May 1.	Balance		1,238 96

Receipts.

	From Congregations	1,040 11	
	Mrs. B. T. Dodds, Bequest	67 24	
	D. Gregg, 1909 dividend	569 43	
	1909 dividend on $5,829 02	320 59	
	1909 dividend J. R. McKee Fund	110 00—	2,107 37
			3,346 33

Expenditures.

By Order of Board of Control:		
Miss Anna B. George	150 00	
E. R. Williams	180 00	
J. H. Cannon	100 00	
E. M. Cannon	150 00	
J. M. McDonald	125 00	
Mrs. R. R. Johnston	100 00	
M. Lawson	200 00	
S. I. Clyde	300 00	
W. Reid	200 00	
J. R. McClurkin	75 00	

	S. Love		75 00	
	K. E. Smith		100 00	
	W. W. Wilson		200 00—	1,955 00
1909.				
May 1.	Balance			1,391 33

OAKLAND CHINESE MISSION.

Receipts.

1908.				
May 1.	Balance			804 78
	Jos. L. Dodds, Bequest		50 00	
	D. Gregg, 1909 dividend		569 43	
	1909 dividend on $400.00		22 00	
	From Congregations		405 07—	1,046 50
				1,851 28

Expenditures.

Rent		360 00	
Salary		1,200 00	
Expense for handling funds		76 07—	1,636 07
1909.			
May 1.	Balance		215 21

TESTIMONY BEARING FUND.

1908.				
May 1.	Balance			376 73

Receipts.

From Congregations		1,802 31	
Chas. McIlroy Bequest, 1st payment		309 66	
Collections per Rev. W. J. McKnight		500 00—	2,611 97
			2,988 70

Expenditures.

Salary		1,200 00	
Printing		178 50	
Postage		39 52	
Expenses Rev. W. J. McKnight		500 00	
Expenses for handling funds		63 39—	1,981 41
1909.			
May 1.	Balance		1,007 29

BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.

Total amount of Endowments		$540,281 10

Sundry Accounts.

Cash Donation	1,850 00	
Cash Donation	100 00	
Contingent Account	1,001 40	
Theological Seminary Current Account	49 40	

Theological Seminary Library Account	933 88	
Students' Aid Fund	454 43	
Memorial Building Rent Account	4,665 88	
Aged Ministers' Fund	998 32	
Widows & Children Deceased Ministers	1,391 33	
Southern Mission	423 43	
Oakland Chinese Mission	215 21	
Sustentation Fund	4,960 22	
Testimony Bearing Fund	1,007 29	
Geneva College Library Fund	110 95	
Rev. R. Shields Donation	1,400 00	
Estate of John Gibson	200 00	
Rev. D. J. Shaw Donation	349 07	
Miss M. Rebecca Euwer, College Note	730 00	
James Aiton, Donation	700 00	
Rev. C. Clyde Home Fund	1,213 96	
S. Carolina Cemetery Lot Fund	12 25	
Sundries Account	225 56	
W. P. M. S. Pittsburg Presbytery	200 00	
Pittsburg Presbytery Current Account	287 50	
Pittsburg Presbytery Education Account	915 85	
Pittsburg Presbytery Investment Account	2,350 00	
Pittsburg Presbytery S. School Account	19 10	
Mortgage Account, special	163 00—	567,208 90

Assets.

D. Gregg Mortgage Account	$157 300 00	
Regular Mortgage	344,404 05	
Real Estate	43,417 38	
Office Furniture	484 68	
Cash Account	5,433 80	
Temperance Account	106 79	
Domestic Mission Account	3,284 88	
Indian Mission Account	2,061 79	
Geneva College Account	9,622 17	
Geneva College Dormitory Account	967 00	
Wm. Gray Donation	3 00	
Mrs. S. Greer Bequest	80	
East Craftsbury Vt. Church	122 56—	567,208 90
		$567,208 90

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod to audit the accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that we have examined the Accounts, Mortgages and other Securities, Cash in Bank, and find same correct as per Report to 1909 Synod.

R. C. WYLIE,
O. WYLIE,
JNO. M. ALLEN,
Auditors.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 20th, 1909.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER LITERARY FUND.

May 1, 1908, Balance		1,580 81
Receipts.		
From Congregations	38 66	
Sale of Test. and Discipline	25 70	
Sale of Psalms Books	721 96	
Sale of Psalm Selections	59 64	
Sale of Old Minutes	2 30	
1908 Minutes	306 95	
Sale of Miscellaneous books	10 05—	1,165 26
Expenditures.		
Insurance on Plates in N. Y.	18 36	
Psalm Books from Irish Church	278 83	
Printing Circulars and Blanks	21 75	
Printing 1908 Minutes	225 00	
Printing 1500 small new version Psalm Books, edition 1889	300 80	
Allegheny Safe Deposit Co. rent 6-1-09	5 00	
Presbyterian Alliance Apportion	40 00	
Advertisements	16 50	
Postage, expressage, freight on books	69 18—	999 06
May 1st, 1909, Balance		1,747 01

The supply of Psalm Selections, Long Primer, new version Psalms is exhausted. I await your instructions as to ordering a new edition of each.

JAMES S. TIBBY,
Treasurer.

The above statement has been compared with the books, which have been audited and found correct.

JNO. M. ALLEN,
GEORGE A. McKEE,
Auditors.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT FOR NATIONAL REFORM.

Receipts.		
From Congregations, Individuals and Societies	5,373 64	
Subscriptions to Christian Statesman	408 33	
World's Conference	352 45	
Sale of Literature	19 10	
Rev. D. J. Shaw's Bequest, New Alexandria, Pa	500 00	
Chas McIlroy's Bequest, Sparta, Ill., 1st paym't	309 66	
Winona Lake Work	150 80—	7,113 98
Expenditures		
Office Supplies	123 14	
Office Rent	300 00	
Phone	16 20	
Printing	92 25	
Printing and Postage of Christian Statesman	1,654 44	
World's Conference expenses	194 65	

Traveling expenses	120 20	
Salary office Assistants	333 34	
Charter expenses	53 66	
Salary and Expense Retained, J. R. Dill	955 03	
Salary and Expense Retained, J. S. Martin	750 78	
Salary and Expense Retained, E. A. Crooks	669 61	
Salary and Expense Retained, T. P. Stevenson	446 05	
Salary and Expense Retained, J. M. Foster	181 50	
R. C. Wylie on acct., editing Sabbath Laws	100 00	
Balance overdrawn May 1st, 1908	7 66—	5,998 51
Balance on hand May 1st, 1909		1,115 47

JAMES S. TIBBY, Financial Agent.

We have compared the above Report with the Treasurer's books, which have been audited and found correct by the undersigned Auditing Committee.

J. S. MARTIN,
W. A. C. BROWN,
Committee.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 18, 1909.

PRINTING AND SALE OF 1908 MINUTES.

The Treasurer of the Literary Fund would report that there were one thousand copies of 1908 minutes printed by the Tribune Printing Co., Beaver Falls, Pa.

Copies sold, at 35c each	877		306 95
Copies free	15		
Copies to Replace	4		
	896		
Printing Minutes		225 00	
Postage and Expressage		23 64	
Envelopes for Mailing		2 45—	251 09
Balance			55 86

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF TREASURER WALTER T. MILLER, FROM APRIL 1st, 1908, to MARCH 29th, 1909.

Syrian Mission Fund.

The receipts have been:

From Congregations	$ 7,464 51
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies	1,818 04
From Individuals and Bequests	1,628 92
From various sources, specially for Latakia	577 79
From various sources, specially for Cyprus	239 00
From various sources, specially for Tarsus	66 00
From various sources, specially for Suedia	35 00
From Estate of Andrew Alexander, 4th payment on acct of his Bequest	2,500 00
From Dividend David Gregg Endowment Fund through Synod's Board of Trustees	3,005 00

From Dividend Invested Funds through Synod's Board of Trustees	2,674 84
From Dividend J. R. McKee Memorial Fund through Synod's Board of Trustees	55 00
From Young People of Second N. Y. Congregation, through Dr. Sommerville, toward salary their Missionary in Island Cyprus	42[illegible] 19
From Bequest of John A. Adams, deceased, of Second New York Congregation	500 00
From, through Olive Trees:	
Young Women of the Ref. Pres. Church	107 05
Ministers of the Ref. Pres. Church	65 00
Elders of the Ref. Pres. Church	4 50
Toward salaries their respective Missionaries.	
From Some Women and their friends of 2nd N. Y. Cong., through Dr. Sommerville, for Mountain Schools in Syria	314 00
From Transfer from Semi-Centennial Memorial Fund	2,700 00
From Transfer from Semi-Centennial Memorial fund (as directed by donors)	520 50
From Dr. A. R. Dray, refunding balance in full of money remitted him for Outfit, Medical Supplies, etc., for Tarsus Mission, July 12, 1905	50 00
From Surplus left over from Traveling Expense, funds of Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, from Suedia to New oYrk	27 95
Total Receipts	$ 24,774 79
The Expenditures have been:	
For salaries	$ 11,497 37
For Mission Expenses, acct. Latakia and Suedia	3,868 21
For Mission Expenses, acct. Tarsus	4,287 48
For Mission Expenses, acct. Cyprus	2,013 56
For Special Contributions, acct. Latakia	897 79
For Special Contributions, acct. Tarsus	66 00
For Special Contributions, acct. Cyprus	233 00
For Special Contributions, acct. Suedia	35 00
For Outfit acct. Miss F. May Elsey	160 90
For Outfit acct. Rev. R. E. Willson	400 00
For Educational Work, acct. Cyprus	500 00
For Small Items, Stationery and Cablegrams	25 14
For Shipping Expenses	183 51
For Medical Supplies, acct. Syria	120 69
For Traveling Expenses:—	
Board Members from Philadelphia to New York	4 30
Miss E. M. Sterrett, from Tarsus to Venetia, Pa	166 49
Miss F. May Elsey, from Chicago to New York	28 19
Rev. R. E. Willson and wife, from Morning Sun to N. Y.	59 60
Rev. R. E. Willson and wife, and Miss F. May Elsey, from New York to the Missions	635 20
Total Expenditures	$ 25,181 53
The excess of Expenditures over Receipts being	406 74
And deducting same from Credit Balance of April 1, 1908 of	451 90
Leaves a Credit Balance this date of	$ 45 16

Mission in China Fund.

The Receipts have been:	
From Congregations	$ 3,267 01
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies	1,299 06
From Individuals and Bequests	1,253 36
From Dividend Invested Funds, by Synod's Board of Trustees	13 06
From Col. Pres., salary their Missionary, Dr. Kate McBurney	600 00
From 3d Phila. Cong. salary their Miss'y, Dr. J. M. Wright	1,000 00
From Harry Lanphear Memorial Fund, salary its Missionary Rev. Julius A. Kempf	600 00
From Ohio Presbytery, on account salary their Missionary, Rev. R. A. Blair	527 45
From Bequest of John A. Adams, deceased, of Second New York Congregation	500 00
From Transfer from Semi-Centennial Memorial Fund	1,500 00
From Transfer from Semi-Centennial Memorial Fund(as directed by donors	569 00
By acct. Traveling Expenses of Rev. J. K. Robb, and Dr. J. M. Wright, and their families to America, amount remitted ,to China for that purpose, and thus charged in last year's report to Synod, but which was used to pay their salaries, and now charged to that account	1,000 00
Total Receipts	$ 12,128 94
The Expenditures have been:	
For Salaries	$ 10,593 52
For Mission Expenses	772 75
For Small Items	21 28
For Shipping Expenses	349 20
For Medical Supplies	43 78
For Special Contributions	1,177 06
For Outfit, acct. Miss Jennie Dean	160 00
For Outfit acct. Rev. W. M. Robb, balance in full	200 00
For Outfit acct. Rev. E. C. Mitchell, balance in full	80 00
For Traveling Expenses:—	
Rev. J. K. Robb and family to America	602 05
Board Members from Philadelphia to New York	4 30
Miss Dean from Chicago to Seattle	70 00
Miss Jennie Dean, and Rev. J. K. Robb, and family from Seattle to Hong Kong	571 30
Dr. J. M. Wright and family, from Denison to Hong Kong	458 00
Dr. J. M. Wright, to attend Synod of 1908	100 00
Rev. R. A. Blair and family from Hong Kong to Utica, O	465 00
Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney, from Hong Kong to America, on account	1,000 00
Remitted to China Treasurer, balance in full due the Missionaries, that sailed from America, during September, 1907, as per accts. submitted by them	109 79
Total Expenditures	$ 16,688 03
Excess of Expenditures over Receipts being	4,559 09
And Deducting same from Credit Bal. of April 1, 1908 of	4,581 37
Leaves a Credit Balance this date of	$ 22 28

Syrian Hospital Fund.

Dr.

1908.			
Nov. 6.	To cash, paid Brown Bros., & Co., part Sterling Bill £103, 6, 1.....	250 00	
Oct. 16.	To cash paid Montgomery Ward & Co..	53 96	
Dec. 18.	To cash paid Brown Bros & Co., for part Sterling Bill £103, 1, 5.....	250 00	
1909.			
Feb. 5.	To cash paid Brown Bros. & Co., for Sterling Bill for £103, 1, 10.....	500 00	
May. 5.	To Balance carried down.....	2,713 46	

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		3,010 48
1909.			
May 5.	By Cash, contributions received to date from Sabbath schools, Missionary Societies, and Individuals, for general purpose of Hospital		398 38
	Support of beds		276 06
May 5.	By interest earned to date		82 50
		$ 3,767 42—	3,767 42

Cr.

1909.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down	2,713 46

Tarsus Building Fund.

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	1,887 20
Aug. 11.	By Transfer from Syrian Mission Fund money sent to Rev. C. A. Dodds, to purchase property with, but used for general Mission purposes, as a satisfactory Title could not be obtained..	2.000 00
1909.		
May 5.	By interest earned to date	105 00

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	3,992 20	
		$ 3,992 20	3,992 20

Cr.

1909.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	3,992 20

Building Fund, Mission in China.

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		2,810 59
1909.			
May 5.	By interest earned to date		84 32

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	2,894 91	
		$ 2,894 91	2,894 91

Cr.

1909.		
May 5.	By balance brought down	2,894 91

Building Fund, Hospital in China.

Dr.

1908.		
May 5.	To Balance as reported to Synod...	1,463 45

Cr.

1909.			
May 5.	By Balance carried down		1,463 45
		$ 1,463 45	$ 1,463 45

Dr.

1909.		
May 5.	To Balance brought down.....$	1,463 45

Tarsus-Mersine Hospital Fund.

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod	371 77

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	371 77	
		$ 371 77	$ 371 77

Cr.

1909.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down	371 77

Building Fund, Larnaca, Cyprus.

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	14 50

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	14 50	
		$ 14 50	$ 14 50

Cr.

1909.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down	14 50

Hospital in China, Dispensary Account.

Cr.

1908.		
July 22.	By Cash, from L. M. S. United Mi-Congregation	25 00
Dec. 15.	By Cash from Y. P. S. C. E. Olathe Congregation	25 00
1909.		
May 5.	By Balance carried down	229 20

Dr.

1908.			
May 5.	To Balance as reported to Synod....	279 20	
		279 20	279 20

Dr.

1909.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down	229 20

Martha Cunningham Memorial Fund.

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....	46 08

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	46 08	
		46 08	46 08

Cr.

1909.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down	46 08

Dr. J. Maude George, Hospital Account

Cr.

1908.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod ...	114 50
1909.		
May 5.	By Interest earned to date	4 35

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	118 85	
		118 85	118 85

Cr.

1909.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		118 35

Lanphear Memorial Fund.

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		4,974 00
May 11.	By Cash, from Mrs. Tillie Henn, (nee Mrs. Harry Lanphear) of Blanchard, Ia., conditions and terms same as those covering contribution of June 8, 1905		600 00
Dec. 16.	By cash, from Mrs. Tillie Henn, of Blanchard, Ia., conditions and terms same as those covering contribution of June 8, 1905.		600 00
1909.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date		180 00

Dr.

1909.			
Jan. 4.	To Transfer to Mission in China fund, half year's salary of Rev. Julius A. Kempf, due in advance from 1st of October, 1908.	300 00	
March 11.	To Transfer to Mission in China fund, half year's salary of Rev. Julus Kempf due in advance from 1st April '09...	300 00	
May 5.	To Balance carried down	5,754 00	
		6,354 00	6,354 00

Cr.

1909.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		5,754 00

Rev. D. J. Shaw, Foreign Mission Fund.

Cr.

1908.			
July 23.	By Cash, from Bequest of Rev. Dr. D. J. Shaw, of New Alexandria, Pa., to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Ref. Pres. Church, (old school) for the purpose of pressing forward and advancing the work in the For-		

	eign Field (abstract of Will) through J. R. Jack, Executor, $11,524.71 less collection charge, $11.52		11,513 19
1909.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date		275 00
	Dr.		
1908.			
Oct. 13.	To Cash, remitted Cyprus Mission equivalent of excess of expenditures over remittances for building erected, as per statement of Dr. Calvin McCarroll, paid Brown Bros., for Demand Sterling Bill, for £115, 7.....	561 46	
1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	11,226 73	
		11,788 19	11,788 19
	Cr.		
1909.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		11,226 73

David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund.

	Cr.		
1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		1,514 77
1909.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date		45 44
	Dr.		
1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	1,560 21	
		1,560 21	1,560 21
	Cr.		
1909.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		1,560 21

Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund

	Cr.		
1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		5,463 64
1905.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date		163 91
	Dr.		
1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	5,627 55	
		5,627 55	5,627 55

Cr.

1909.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		5,627 55

New Station in China Fund.

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		6,289 05
1909.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date		188 67

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	6,477 72	
		6,477 72	6,477 72

Cr.

1909.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		6,477 72

Discretionary Account of Treasurer.

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		70 07

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	70 07	
		70 07	70 07

Cr.

1909.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		70 07

Miss Maggie B. Edgar, Cemetery Fence Account.

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		35 00

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	35 00	
		35 00	35 00

Cr.

1909			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		35 00

The Rev. R. A. Blair, Field Secretary Account.

Cr.

1909.			
Jan. 12.	By Cash from Women's Missionary Society, 2d Phila. Congregation.....		20 00

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	Balance carried down	20 00	
		20 00	20 00

Cr.

1909.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		20 00

The Semi-Centennial Memorial Fund.

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod		8,263 69
1909.			
May 5.	By Cash, contributions received to date:—		
	From Congregations		167 25
	From S. S. & Missionary Societies..		725 94
	From Individuals and Bequests....		903 82
	From Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Curry, of Winchester, Kansas		500 00
	Mansfield O., Congregation by order of Board of Trustees		100 00
	From various sources, specially for		
	Syrian Mission		53 00
	Mission in China		179 50
	Latakia Mission		25 09
	Cyprus Mission		25 00
	Jewish Mission		50 00
	Oakland Mission		50 00
	To be used at discretion of Board..		120 00
	By Interest earned to date		953 94

Dr.

1909.			
May 5.	To Transfer to Mission in China fund	1,500 00	
	To Transfer to Mission in China (as directed by donors)	569 00	
	To Transfer to Syrian Mission fund	2,700 00	
	To Transfer to Syrian Mission (as directed by donors)	520 50	
	To Balance carried down	6,827 64	
		$ 12,117 14	$ 12,117 14

Cr.

1909.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down	6,827 64

WALTER T. MILLER, Treasurer.

The above accounts have been audited and found correct.

HENRY ONEIL,
ALEXANDER ADAMS,
Committee.

New York, May 5th, 1909.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church, to meet in Chicago, Ill., May 26th, 1909:

The Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Fund respectfully reports concerning the Turkish Relief Fund handled by him since 1st of May, 1909, as follows:

Disbursements.

1909.			
April 30.	Amount appropriated temporarily from funds in Treasury and remitted to the Missions .....$	1,000 00	
May 4.	Amount transferred by cable, equivalent to £64, 0, 0, each to Mersine, Latakia, and Alexandretta, as requested by donors	942 96	
	Cable charges	14 58	
May 21.	Amt. draft forwarded to Mersine.....	500 00	
	Totals Disbursements		2,457 54

Receipts

1909.			
May 25.	Amount of contributions received to date from various sources .....$	2,363 26	
	Total Receipts		2,363 26
	Leaving a Debit Balance, this date of		94 28

WALTER T. MILLER, Treasurer.

New York, May 25th, 1909.

The Church Erection Fund.

Dr.

1908.			
May 20.	To Cash, paid appropriation to Santa Ana Congregation .....$	1,000 00	
June 23.	To cash, paid Morris Botwen, for printing operation blanks	5 50	
June 23.	To cash, paid appropriation to Santa Ann Congregation	1,000 00	
Oct. 22.	To cash, paid appropriation to Old Bethel Congregation	1,000 00	
Oct. 24.	To cash paid appropriation to Santa Ana Congregation	500 00	
190-.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	4,723 99	

Cr.

1908.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		6,207 35
1909.			
May 5.	By Contributions received to date from congregations		891 24
	From Sabbath Schools & Miss'y Soc..		30 28
	From Individuals		144 42
	From Trustees of Mansfield, O., Cong		199 77
	From Dividend Invested Funds.....		187 00
	From David Gregg Endowment fund through Trustees of Synod		569 43
		8,229 49	8,229 49

Cr.

1909.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down	4,723 99

WALTER T. MILLER, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

H. O.NEILL,
A. D. McNEILL,
Committee.

REPORT OF S. A. S. METHENY, TREASURER OF THE JEWISH MISSION BOARD MAY 1st, 1908, to APRIL 30th, 1909.

Dr.

Balance Reported to Last Synod		$1,227 56
Congregations, Receipts from		1,047 75
Sabbath Schools and Societies, Receipts from.....		307 44
Individuals, Receipts from		213 87
Third Dividend (.1688 per cent) from "City Trust"	29 83	
Interest on Deposit in bank	8 40—	$2,834 85

Cr.

Salaries:—		
Rev. E. J. Feuersohn to 5-1-09.....	$900 00	
Miss Mary Bell to 5-1-09.....	480 00	
W. H. Henderson to 5-1-09	35 00	
S. Safran two months.....	32 00	
Miss Mary Cupples three weeks	3 75—	$1,450 75
Renovating Mission Building:—		
Carpentry and brick laying	$197 60	
Painting	165 00	
Papering	60 00	
Plumbing	29 35	
Gas Fitting and Lights	17 28	
Smaller Items and Supplies.....	64 24—	533 47
Water Tax		13 00
Coal		38 10
Gas		36 62

General Expenses	277 79	
Balance on hand	485 12	—$2,834 85

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. S. METHENY, Treasurer.

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing account is a condensed statement taken from the itemized account in the book of the treasurer, which we have examined and found correct.

J. C. McFEETERS,
WILLIAM G. CARSON,
Auditors.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 11th. 1909.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF R. P. WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION, MARCH, 1908 TO MARCH, 1909.

Receipts.

March 1, 1908, Balance		$2,956 45
Wardrobe Committee Room	1 00	
Miss Dryden Account	32 01	
Thank Offering Room	115 40	
Jane Lindsay Room	153 00	
Theresa Lawson Account	457 00	
Mrs. Daugherty Account	98 80	
J C. Elder Room	100 00	
Manager's Cont. Fund	9 50	
Miss Woolston Account	210 00	
Congregational Collection	552 29	
James Temple	274 19	
Mrs. Susan Patterson	282 00	
Membership Dues	183 00	
Interest	392 65	
McConnell Room	250 00	
Eccles Sisters	144 15	
Admission Fees	1,600 00	
Current Expense	2,024 01	— 6,879 06
		$9,835 45

Expenditures.

Gregg Room	$ 4 35	
D. and M. E. McKee Room	1 85	
Eda S. E. McKee Room	26 40	
Lizzie Hunter Room	1 00	
Samuel McKee Room	2 70	
Ward Robe Room	1 00	
Davidson Room	2 05	
Wylie Room	1 75	
J. C. Elder Room	89 20	
Manager's Cont. Fund	21 20	
Aiton Room	1 50	
Mrs. J. H. Ward Room	5 50	
Interest	1,513 26	
Building Fund	68 99	
McConnell Room	95 28	
House Expense	1,478 04	

Heat and Light	334 19	
Salary	894 50	
Current Expense	3,187 96	
Morton Room	119 05—	7,849 77
March, 1909, Balance		$1,985 68

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WALLACE, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending March, 1909, and find the balance shown above to be $1,985.68, (correct.)

ROBT. A. M. STEEL,
T. S. TRUMBULL,
Auditors.

BALANCE SHEET.

Showing the condition of the different funds, the balance on hand or the amount overdrawn.

Name	Overdrawn.	Balance
Students' Aid Fund		$ 454 43
Aged Misisters' Fund		998 32
Widows and Orphans' Fund		1,391 33
Aged Peoples' Home		1,985 68
Theological Seminary		49 40
Jewish Mission		485 12
Southern Mission		423 43
Indian Mission	$ 2,061 79	
Domestic Mission		1,685 34
Chinese Home Mission		215 21
National Reform		1,115 51
Temperance	106 79	
Syrian Mission		45 16
Mission in China		22 28
Testimony Bearing		1,007 29
Geneva College	9,622 17	
Church Erection		4,723 99
Literary Fund		1,747 01
Totals	$ 11,790 75	$ 16,349 51

The Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for George A. McKee, Daniel C. Martin and Robert J. Ward to be their own successors on Synod's Board of Trustees, for a term of three years, beginning June 15, 1909.

J. C. McFeeters presented the reasons of dissent of himself and others from the action of Synod in adopting the report of the Committee on National Reform.

T. P. Stevenson and J. S. Martin were appointed to answer the reasons of Dissent.

The time was extended that the Committee on Signs of the

Times might present its report. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The Committee on the "Signs of the Times" would respectfully report: In looking into matters, out of which we may find reasons for Thanksgiving unto God, we would name:

1. That we are here in the place appointed for our meeting, that we have been permitted in these months, each in his place to do the work God has given us to do. We owe God thanks, that in His grace we are still called to do work in the vineyard, some of us even to the eleventh hour. To be allowed to live now, and to be asked to work now, to have the chance of duty now, in these wonderful years with the amazing possibilities, is matter of exceeding thankfulness.

2. That the church through which we do our work, through our representatives, still befriends, strives to lead into the higher life, still gives sympathy to the races, that have been and still are being wronged, to the Negro at Selma, to the Indian in Oklahoma, to the Chinaman in OaOkland, and to the Jew in Philadelphia.

We are glad that we can in some measure and intention, make up for the wrongs done in the past and that are being done them, at the present hour. We rejoice that the interest in Foreign Missions is alive as never before in our congregations and we would honor God that he is making glad the hearts of our workers, and our hearts, and Christ's heart, in Syria, in Asia Minor, in Cyprus and in China. We rejoice that the reasons that served us in the past, to cause the maintenance of a testimony as to Christ's claims on the Nation, the evils of the lodge, and the purity of worship in God's house, are valid still. We are glad the church shows no sign of lack of interest in these things, or any disposition to surrender them.

3. We rejoice that the aggressive attacks of those opposed to nearly all the features that are Christian in our government have at last drawn the attention, awakened the interest of good men to the danger. These without regard to church ties, or relationship of parties, are showing their hands.

It looks as if good people will now get together. They who have done duty will have company. With all that is bad we still can be optimistic. It is true now as in the olden time, that they who are with the Elishas are more than they that are against them. The golden age lies forward.

Synod appoints last Thursday of November as the annual day for worship in Thanksgiving.

CAUSES OF FASTING.

1. We make confession that as individuals with opportunities greater than at any former time or place, we do not have, have not had, the outcome demanded, for the truth we have had in our minds, the money we have had in our hands or the time we have had at our disposal. We are sorry we have failed in so many things.

2. We regret that as members of a church that ought to be closely in relationship for all high things, that often our minds are on the less important rather than on the more important. The theory of a brother at times will give rise to more feeling, awaken more con-

cern, and bring out more discussion than the plots of Romanists or the deliverances of Christian Scientists.

The dangers that threaten National and Ecclesiastical life, are the things to claim attention. The men at Bothwell ought to have been thinking of the men on the other side of the stream.

3. We mourn that society is so deplorably given up to things that do not profit, to amusements that are sinful, to a worldliness that destroys all spirituality.

Parties that rose to power through great principles, led by men of world-wide fame, are in these days in alliance with the adherents of Romanism and Mormonism and the Liquor Traffic. One of the worst of the Signs of the Times is the apathy of this church and of all the churches as to the gains of the church of Rome in this land.

We would recognize God's hand in the way of judgments in our own land, in fires and floods, and in a drought, that reached from Maine to Nevada, and his hand on the world, in an earthquake so terrible that men have not known any such before. The pity of it is, that God's hand is not felt as having anything to do with any one of all these things. "Will I not visit for these things."

We mourn that the hearts of those who love home and country are not in more concern, that faces turn not to Him, who can turn the hearts of the children of men to himself as he turns the rivers of waters, that we do not plead as we should for the reign of Him who is promised as one that will "judge the poor of the people, who will save the children of the needy and will break in pieces the oppressor."

Synod appoints Thursday of the week of Prayer as a day to be observed for fasting and prayer.

W. P. JOHNSTON,
JOHN FENTON CARLISLE,
ROBERT C. REED,
D. P. WHITE,
F. W. CAMPBELL.

Synod took recess until 7 P. M. Prayer by J. W. F. Carlisle.

EVENING SESSION.

Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, and was led in prayer by David Love. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

R. M. Sommerville and M. G. Euwer were excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. The report was received, and adopted, and is as follows:

A letter from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Scotland has been placed in our hands. A reply has been prepared, which we recommend be signed by the officials of the Synod, and forwarded to the Synod of Scotland.

W. W. CARITHERS,
J. A. BLACK,
CHARLES DOUGALL,

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was laid on the table until next meeting of Synod.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

GENEVA COLLEGE.

Items 1, 2 and 3 adopted

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education would respectfully report: That, there was referred to us the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, and a paper asking for the establishment in the Seminary of a Department of Civil Government in its relation to the Kingdom of Christ, and the appointment of Dr. R. C. Wylie to give instruction therein.

Respecting Geneva College there was referred to us the Report of the Board of Trustees and the Report of the Board of Corporators.

From the Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary we learn that there were fourteen students in attendance the past session; that the continued and serious illness of Prof. D. B. Wilson prevented him from being present any part of the session, and that Prof. R. C. Wylie had full charge of the studies in Prof. Wilson's department.

Respecting the Seminary your Committee recommends:

1. That Synod has heard with profound sorrow of the prolonged affliction of Prof. Wilson, and heartily extends to him our deepest sympathy and assurance of our fervent supplication to the Father of mercies to grant him renewed health and strength and all covenant blessings.

2. That Synod records with great gratification its high sense and appreciation of the hearty consecration and self-denial of such a godly number of the young men of our church, who have devoted themselves to the ministry of Christ in this time when so many more lucrative and inviting callings are open to them in other professions and in the business world.

3. Your Committee while favoring the establishment of a Depart-

ment in the Seminary of Civil Government in its relation to the Kingdom of Christ, feel that it would be unwise in view of the impaired health of two of the Professors, to impose at present any additional burdens upon the Faculty.

4. That Dr. T. P. Stevenson and Elders McElhinney and Sterrett be elected their own successors on the Board.

5. That the report of the Board of Superintendents be published in the Minutes of Synod.

Respecting the College we recommend:

1. That the Reports of the Trustees and Corporators of the College be published in the Minutes of Synod.

2. That 2,000 copies of these reports be printed and paid for out of Literary Fund and sent to each congregation for general circulation, at the rate of one copy for each five members.

3. That when these reports are given out to the families in each congregation the pastor, or, in case of a vacant congregation, the elders or deacons urge the need of the College upon the attention of the people, that it may be relieved of the present heavy debt which is the only serious hindrance to its full prosperity and efficiency.

A. J. McFARLAND,
J. B. GILMORE,
B. M. SHARP,
WM. T. PARK,
ALEX. McBRIDE,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

The Board met in Seminary Hall on the morning of April 27 and adjourned on the afternoon of the day following. The members were all present or soon appeared with the exception of David Boyd, whom the infirmities of advanced years prevented attending and Dr. Sommerville, who was necessarily detained at home.

Professor Wilson, owing to continued weakness, was unable to be present during any part of the session. The deepest sympathy with him in his affliction was felt and expressed. Professor Wylie, who entered upon the duties of his professorship at the beginning of the session had full charge of the studies in Professor Wilson's department.

The names and grades of the students are as follows:

Third year—William Arthur Aikin, Paul Coleman, Josiah Dodds Edgar, David Bruce Elsey, Frank Dean Frazer, Walter Clyde McClurkin, Elmer Russell, and Owen Foster Thompson.

Second year—Howard George McConaughy, and Robert Park.

First year— Frank Emmet Allen, Thomas Copeland McKnight, Matthew Steele McMillan and John Milton Rutherford.

The attendance of the students upon recitations was most praiseworthy. There were no interruptions on account of sickness. Six students have an unbroken record for the year. Two of the graduating class did not miss a single recitation during their entire course

in the Seminary and two others were absent only a single day. Diplomas were given to the students of the third year and certificates to their respective Presbyteries to the others.

Professor George M. Sleethe conducted the department of elocution as heretofore.

The terms to which Dr. Stevenson, Messrs. McElhinney and Sterrett were elected have expired. Their successors should be chosen.

The Professors, in closing their joint report, add: "We entered upon the year with deep concern because of the new duties and responsibilities before us and we come to the closing exercises with a profound sense of the goodness and faithfulness of our covenant God."

We ask for the Seminary fund, $4,000.

T. P. STEVENSON, Chairman,
J. W. SPROULL, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College begs leave to report: That the year drawing to a close has been one of prosperity; careful oversight on the part of the Board of Trustees; faithful and efficient work by the faculty, diligent study, and good behaviour on the part of the students.

For an extended account of the work, and condition of the College, we refer Synod, and friends of College to the report of the Board of Trustees, which will be presented by its secretary, the Rev. R. H. Martin.

The Board of Corporators endorses the request made by the Board of Trustees that Synod specify $3,000, as the amount to be named for the annual collection.

We also request pastors and elders to use diligence in securing from their people the full amount asked for.

The Church will kindly bear in mind that the constantly growing demand on the College will have to be met on the part of the friends of the institution with increased liberality.

We most earnestly commend our President, Rev. W. H. George, and those assisting him to the sympathy, and co-operation of the members of the Church, and to all others who are interested in Christian Education. We also commend the Board of Trustees in its effort, to adapt the curriculum of the College, to the needs of our day. We ask parents and the young people of the Church to notice carefully the educational advantages offered in our College; and we solicit for our Church College the patronage which she so richly deserves.

The Board of Corporators is saddened by the absence of our former secretary, the Rev. Prof. R. J. George, D. D., who, during all the years of the College's existence at Beaver Falls, has taken such a deep interest in the welfare of the College, and who now feels it necessary to remit this part of his labor for the Church.

Your Board has taken the following action, in acquiescing in his desire to be relieved of this part of his public work.

This Board desires to place on record a memorial of the service of the Rev. Dr. R. J. George to Geneva College. He took a prominent part in the invitation which brought the College to its present location, and in company with Dr. A. M. Milligan secured subscriptions for the money paid for the College building. He has served continu-

ously on the College Board since 1880, and has been its faithful secretary. We regret profoundly his absence from our meeting, and the impaired strength which has impelled him to resign from the Board, and us to accept of his resignation, and we sincerely trust that he may be spared for many years of usefulness in the church.

T. P. STEVENSON, President.
W. J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College the Board of Trustees of Geneva College Respectfully reports:

Under the favor and blessing of God the College year soon to close, has been a most successful one. The attendance is as follows:

Literary students 165, students in music 104, in oratory 38, in art 31. The total number of students exclusive of duplications 292, an increase of 57 over last year. The increase is in the Musical and Literary departments. The increase in the literary department has been due mainly to the number of students who have come in for the Spring term, who are taking largely, though not exclusively, Normal work.

The spirit of the school has been excellent. It has been a year of peace and good will, of order and respect for authority. The students are loyal to the College. On every hand their has been shown a desire to uphold the honor of the institution. There have been no cases of dicipline deserving of the name.

The class room work of the student-body has been good. The literary work is an improvement over that of last year. In the annual debate with a sister College, Geneva's representative again came off victorious. In the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest her standing was not high.

The health of the students has been exceptionally good. We are thankful to have no sad providences, such as those of the past year, to record.

The Faculty proper, composed of those teaching in the Literary department, now numbers ten. The entire corps of teachers, including those of the departments of Music, Oratory, Art, and Physical Culture, numbers 18. The work of the Faculty as a whole has been excellent. A number of its members are deserving of special commendation for the marked interest they have taken in the school as a whole, and the work they have done to promote its welfare outside their own departments. The new members of the faculty have done good work, part of them have more than met our expectations. They will all be with us the coming year except one.

The departments of Music, Oratory, and Art, have been brought into closer relation to the College. The heads of the departments are elected by the Board. Their assistants are chosen by the heads of the departments, subject to the approval of the Board.

The musical department has had a very successful year. Two new members have been added to the faculty of Music: Miss Jean Scott, assistant in Voice and Piano, and Miss Lois Roth instructor in Violin.

A College Orchestra was organized the first of the year. A College Chorus of about 40 members has met weekly since the holidays.

The Board is considering the introduction of Oratory into the regular College course. For the first time there will be graduates this year from the department of Art.

The Library under the efficient management of Miss Birdella Walker, is becoming a more influential factor in the life of the College. One hundred and fifty new books have been added to it this year. There has been a steadily increasing use of it by the students for the past two years. Throughout the greater part of the year gymnastic classes for young men and young ladies, have been conducted regularly in the gymnasium by the Physical Director. Geneva still maintains her reputation for sane, and clean athletics.

The religious welfare of the student has been carefully looked after. Chapel exercises are held each morning which the students are required to attend. Evening worship is conducted in the ladies' dormitory. The ministerial members of the Faculty take their turn in preaching monthly in the college chapel. A record is reported of the attendance of students upon preaching services on the Sabbath. The student Y. M. C. A. and Y W. C. A. are both in excellent condition. The Sabbath afternoon Bible study of the former is conducted by Dr. Kennedy, of the latter by Miss Birdella Walker. President George has a students' Sabbath school class each Sabbath morning, with a good attendance and interest. A Mission study class meets on Monday evenings.

The new Curriculum went into operation at the beginning of the year. It has met with favor by the student body and has been commended by educators. The later opening and closing of the College year has proven advantageous. The second term's work is now unbroken, whereas, according to the former date of opening, it was interrupted by the holiday vacation. It has also made possible the attendance of teachers in the public schools of country districts for the Spring term. Thirty-two of these teachers are now in attendance.

The College has taken over the Summer Normal School, which has been conducted in the College for several summers past, under the management of the County Superintendent of Schools, and will conduct it, as the Summer session of the College. President George is in charge. An efficient corps of experienced teachers have been employed. While its chief function for a time will necessarily be to give instructions in normal branches, whatever college work is desired will be given.

The pushing forward of the College year, the taking over of the Summer School, the introduction of the department of education, are all included in the effort of the management to connect the College more closely with the community, and to make it measure up to the educational demands of the times. A determined effort has been made this year to bring the college more prominently before the public, and make it serve the community in which it is located.

President George's dictum is "The College must give if it is to receive." In addition to his class room and administrative work, he has improved every opportunity to bring the College before the public, and make it serve the public, by preaching at State College and other places, by making addresses before young peoples' gatherings, and at High School commencements.

The President and Faculty provided for an address on Washington's Birthday, by Dr. Sparks of State College on "Washington the

Citizen." An audience of about 500 persons—students, teachers, educators, and prominent citizens of the valley—were present. This address, with the reception that followed it, brought the College most favorably before the community. If the College funds permitted it, three or four addresses by leading educators of the country would be arranged for each year.

President George is deserving of high commendation for the work of the year. In season and out of season, he has labored untiringly for the welfare of the College. He excells as a teacher. He has gained the confidence and respect of the students, and throughout the year has had no difficulty in government. His administrative work has been unusually heavy this year. In his public work he has rendered good service to the College.

There have been recently received from the estate of William Ferguson, of the 2nd Philadelphia R. P. congregation, through the generosity of his Executor, John A. Richmond, ten engravings, beautifully framed, of famous scenes in Covenantor History. These have been placed in prominent places on the walls of the College building. The College appreciates the gift.

The only thing we have to report, that is in any way discouraging, is the condition of the finances. The deficit in the College fund May 1st, 1909, was $9,622.17. This is $2,900 more than it was one year ago. The receipts of the year are about the same as those of last year. The expenses have been greater. This increase in expenses is due to an increase in the number of salaried teachers, and to the money expended in providing proper equipment for the different departments and in making necessary repairs and improvements on the College buildings. We do not believe it possible to lower the expenses. The educational standard of the College must be kept up, and the College buildings and surroundings kept in such condition as will commend the College to its patrons. The receipts must be increased from $3,000 to $5,000 per year above what they now are. With the co-operation of all interested this can readily be done. The following are the ways in which the board and College management are endeavoring to bring up the receipts:

1. With a view to securing the $15,000 promised by Mr. Carnegie, letters were written to those who have given Endowment notes, asking them to pay off these notes as soon as possible that we may meet the conditions of securing the Carnegie money. In response to these letters about $3,000 have been received, and as much more promised by fall. Further efforts are being made along the same line, and we have prospects of securing the entire $200,000 Endowment fund before another year.

2. The tuition, which has been considerably lower in Geneva than in surrounding Colleges, has been raised five dollars per term.

3. The number of literary students could be increased 50 per cent with scarcely any increase of expense for their instruction. An aggressive campaign for students throughout the church and in the local community should be undertaken.

4. The annual collection the church takes should be made an offering. Twenty-eight hundred dollars were asked for last year. Only $1,053 were contributed. We ask this year for an appropriation of $3,000.

5. The Board is convinced that a canvas should be made for funds. President George has been authorized to spend as much time as possible this Summer in canvassing the church. A committee

has been appointed to take whatever further steps are necessary to secure an effective canvass.

We ask for the hearty support of the College by the entire church in sending to it her sons and daughters, and in contributing liberally of her means for its support. It is the only College of the church. There is no other College where the youth of the church can receive their college training in a Covenanter atmosphere, and in the association fo young people of our church. The College has done and is doing for the church more than the church realizes. We ask that parents make sacrifices, if need be, to send their sons and daughters to our own church College, and that those of the church whom God has entrusted with liberal means give of their means to its support.

President W. H. George and Dr. R. C. Wylie, President of the Board of Trustees, have been appointed to represent the College before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE, President.
R. H. MARTIN, Secretary,

The Committee on Discipline reported. The report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was laid on the table until next meeting of Synod.

Item 3 was laid on the table until next meeting of Synod, to be the special order of the day for Saturday morning.

Item 4 was laid on the table to entertain a substitute.

Moved as a substitute that the Kansas Presbytery be directed to proceed with the ordination of Mr. J. D. Edgar when the Foreign Mission Board shall recommend it. The substitute was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

The committee on discipline would respectfully report, that six papers have been referred to us.

1. The memorial from Rochester Presbytery requests an interpretation of the resolution adopted at the last meeting of Synod, concerning the licensing of students of theology at the close of the first term of the seminary course.

We recommend the following answer: If the student at the close of the first term in the seminary has been examined, and has given satisfactorily all the trial pieces required by the law of the church, his licensure is valid and need not be repeated, if he has given these trial pieces only in part, and his examination has not been completed at the time of the first licensure, he ought to be licensed again when all these exercises have been given and sustained.

2. The paper signed by T. H. Acheson and others, asks two questions:

First—Is it right for the Believer to marry the unbeliever?

Second—Is it right for the Christian minister to perform the marriage ceremony for two persons one of whom is a believer and the other not a believer.

We recommend the following answer:

It is wrong for the believer to marry the avowed unbeliever. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

The Christian Minister would be a partaker of their sin in aiding them to form such a sinful compact.

There may be occasions when one of the contracting parties is not a professed Christian, yet not an avowed enemy of Christ. In such cases if the party is of good moral character, is in sympathy with the Christian religion, attends, and supports the preaching of the word, it might be admissable for the believer to marry such, and for the Christian Minister to perform the ceremony. Great caution and good judgment need to be exercised in such cases. It is most desirable, however, for the welfare of the home, that both the contracting parties be professed and true believers in Christ.

3. The fourth and fifth papers are a memorial from Pittsburg Presbytery, and a resolution offered at this Synod, on the question of ministers of other denominations preaching in our pulpits.

Your committee recommend that the action of the Synod of 1877, concerning this question be re-affirmed, and that the attention of pastors and sessions be called to that action.

4. The sixth paper is a request from the Kansas Presbytery for Synod to direct that J. D. Edgar be ordained to the ministry.

We recommend that the Kansas Presbytery be directed to proceed with the ordination of Mr. J. D. Edgar when the Foreign Mission Board shall recommend it.

Respectfully submitted,

R. HARGRAVE,
JOHN C. SLATER,
D. S. FARIS,
T. G. GRAHAM,
J. W. CAVAN.

J. C. Slater, J. G. McElhinney and Louis Meyer were excused from attendance on the further sessions of the Court.

The committee appointed to reply to the reasons of Dissent of J. C. McFeeters and others presented their report.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was taken from the table.

The condensed report of the Board of Trustees of the National Reform Association was read by the Corresponding Secretary of the Association.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

The Committee on National Reform would respectfully report:

The Reformed Presbyterian Church has always stood for the sovereignty of God in every realm, for the mediatorial headship of Jesus Christ over the nations, and for the Word of God as the supreme test of right in civil things. In 1863 the first steps were taken for the organization of the National Reform Association In formulating its first constitution all these principles found expression in it. Soon after the association received the hearty endorsement of this Church. Members of this court were nominated and tendered to the association as lecturers to advocate these principles, and money has been annually appropriated for this cause.

While the association has in some measure broadened its scope so as to advocate certain related reforms, such as the advocacy of better Sabbath laws, better laws relating to the marriage relation, and laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, it has never lost sight of its original purpose—the Christian amendment of the constitution of the United Staes. This fact is clearly set forth in the report of the Executive Committee of the Association, which has been put into our hands.

This report also shows that the Association has prosecuted its work during the past year in the way of holding conventions, and institutes in various places for the discussion of the principles of Christian civil government, and the advocacy of the various related measures of reform. It is also on the watch tower ready to meet and resists the assaults of the enemies of a Christian State, and has found itself called on to blow the trumpet, and warn the Christian people of the land against the recent assaults of enemies of our Lord—specially the Reformed Jews. The descendants of those who nineteen hundred years ago cried out "Away with Him, away with Him," are now crying out "Away with all that is Christian in civil government." This assault on the Christian institutions of the country affords a favorable opportunity for presenting this cause to the American people. The fact that they appeal to the written constitution of the nation compels the discussion of the religious defect of that instrument. Therefore

Resolved 1. That we urge our people, and all the friends of Christian civil government, to hold meetings wherever possible for the discussion of these issues, and to procure and circulate the leaflets of the association in which these issues are carefully discussed.

Whereas, there are those in the Church who are criticising the recently granted charter of the National Reform Association, holding that the omission from it of the terms of the Christian amendment is a virtual abandonment of the original purpose of the organization, and

Whereas, evidence is found in the report of the Executive Committee that the original constitution, in which this amendment is expressed in all its terms, was adopted at the first meeting under the charter, and

Whereas, the Executive Committee explicitly declares in its report to Synod that "there never was, and is not now in the National Reform Association any diminution of interest in the fundamental principle of the authority of Christ, as Ruler of nations; there has been no diminution of interest or conviction as to the necessity for a Christian amendment to the Constitution of the United States; there

never has been any intention of departing from this design, and no departure has been made, "therefore

Resolved 1. That full faith and credit be given to this declaration, and that we bespeak for this Association the earnest prayers, and hearty co-operation of the Church.

2. That while Synod holds that the general statement of the purpose of the corporation contained in the Charter includes the more specific statement contained in the constitution, yet to remove all grounds for criticism, and to unify the Church in the support of this cause, the members of the Executive Committee be urged to secure, if possible, an amendment of the charter that shall read, "The object of this association shall be to maintain and promote the influence of the Christian principles of civil government in our national life."

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL,
M. M. PIERCE,
D. H. ELLIOTT,
M. G. EUWER,
D. LOVE.

M. G. Euwer dissented from the last resolution.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

By the express request of this Synod the National Reform Association presents each year a report of its work; and by a standing rule of the Association the members of its Board of Directors who are also members of this church, are a standing committee to prepare this report and to sustain this cause before you. These members have met together and have adopted the following report:

The work of this Association for the past year can be stated in a few sentences:

1. Several meetings and conventions have been held with good results. The Winona Institute and Conference extended over a period of ten days. All these meetings were marked by faithful and earnest advocacy of the principles and measures which the Association is appointed to maintain.

2. The literature printed and sent out, including your new documents, made up a total of 1,580,000 pages.

3. The Association, after long and careful negotiations, secured the services of the Rev. J. S. Martin of this church, as General Superintendent of its work. His zeal and efficiency and his devotion to the cause are known to you all. It is at much sacrifice of personal and domestic comfort that he has consented to undertake this work, and he deserves the prayers and the faithful co-operation of all his brethren.

4. The proposed World's Conference was postponed till September, 1910.

5. One event of great interest during the year was the assault made by the Reformed Jews on Christian institutions of the country. Two representative Jewish bodies joined in declarations maintaining that, from a constitutional point of view, this is not a Christian nation; that legal decisions to the effect that have been given by our judges "under the influence of their early religious training and prevail-

ing public opinion"; that the Bible ought not to be read in the public schools, and that our Sabbath Laws ought to be repealed or modified in the interest of universal liberty. This assault furnishes the finest opportunity we could wish to present the whole National Reform cause before the nation. The National Reform Association prepared a new leaflet discussing the issues raised, including the fact that the appeal of the Jews is made to the written constitution of the nation, and that this instrument contains no evidence of Christian character or purpose, and affords no protection to the Christian institutions of the country. We appeal earnestly for meetings everywhere to discuss these issues.

We desire to bear our cordial testimony to the fidelity of the National Reform Association to the principles on which it was originally founded and to the measures which it was established to advocate. There never was and is not now, in this Association any diminution of interest in the fundamental principle of the authority of Christ as Ruler of Nations; there has been no diminution of interest or conviction as to the necessity for a Christian amendment to the constitution of the United States; there never has been any intention of departing from this design and no departure has been made. In the past seven years the National Reform Association has published more than forty new documents, and more than eleven millions of pages in all of documents new and old. In these documents the necessity for a Christian amendment to the constitution of the United States has been constantly presented. Very early in the history of this movement the Association published three notable documents by Drs. Edwards, McIlvaine and Craven. The most incisive of these, that by Dr. Craven on "The Religious Defect of the Constitution of the United States," has within two years been republished by the Association and placed on its list of permanent documents. Two documents by Dr. Wylie, published about the same time, one on "The Neglected Half of the Gospel" and another on "The Principles of National Religion," and still another pamphlet by Dr. J. A. Henderson entitled "Our National Christianity and Fundamental Law," have borne the same testimony. We aim to give the Christian amendment a place on every program and in every series of resolutions. In no single year have these utterances been more explicit or more frequent than in the year just passed. In the Winona addresses of last August it was matter for delighted comment how emphatically Drs. Wishart and Parsons and Carson drove home to the judgment and consciences of their hearers the necessity for a Christian amendment to our fundamental law.

So, too, as to the foundation principle, the authority of Christ over the nations. Through all the early history of this Association we do not recall a single document or a single public address specifically devoted to this subject. Within recent years we have published three documents: "Christ the Ruler of Nations" and "The Relation of Nations to Jesus Christ," and "Christ's Government of the Nations," discussing expressly this great theme. Our "Plea for Religion in the Nation," states this doctrine with emphasis among the fundamental principles on which the plea is based, with reference to the documents in which it is more fully discussed. We have even carried the discussion into new fields of thought as in the leaflet on "What Constitutes a Christian Nation," and that on "The Forgiveness of National Sins."

The National Reform Association values highly the support which this Church has extended to it, in financial and in other ways, through the whole history of the movement. Allow us to suggest that it is the

duty of Covenanters as a body of Christian citizens to co-operate with other citizens like minded in bringing this nation to acknowledge the authority of Jesus Christ. We are not only church members; we are also citizens, and have the responsibilities of citizens. The church may guide and assist her members in the discharge of their civic duties. This we do in reference to their position of protest and dissent, which is an act of the citizen. This we may also do in reference to their more active work as citizens by encouraging and aiding their co-operation with other Christian citizens in such work as that of the National Reform Association.

Moreover, great advantages for the cause can be gained through such an organization. It is much to have had the endorsement, the introduction to the American people, and the active help of such men as Charles Hodge and Archibald Alexander Hodge, his son, of Drs. Jonathan Edwards and J H. McIlvaine and John T. Pressly and Joseph T. Cooper and Robert Audley Browne and Bishops Simpson and McIlvaine. It is much to have had the presidency through long years of Justice Strong of the Supreme Court of the United States and Felix R. Brunot. We cannot over estimate the self sacrificing labors through many years of Dr. Sylvester F. Scovel, the President now of the Association.

Finally, we recognize with deep thankfulness that a great multitude of the members of the Reformed Presbyterian church love this cause. They would gladly lay down their lives for it if they were called to do so. They count what we have been able to do for it one of the chief glories of this church. The church which has given to this cause the services of such men as James M. Willson and J. R. W. Sloane, A. M. Milligan and David McAllister, will never go back on their illustrious example. We will always rejoice to clasp the hands of true hearted men of sister churches in a united effort to establish in the land we love the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We request for this cause the same appropriation as last year, eight thousand dollars. We have appointed the Rev. J. S. Martin and Mr. R. M. Downie to address the Synod in behalf of the Association.

R. C. WYLIE,
H. H. GEORGE,
D. C. MARTIN,
J. S. TIBBY,
A. B. COPELAND,
W. A. C. BROWN,
E. A. CROOKS,
JAMES S. MARTIN,
T. H. ACHESON;
T. P. STEVENSON,
R. M. DOWNIE,
JOHN A. DODDS,
JAMES SCOTT,
J. RENWICK WYLIE,
MRS. H. H. GEORGE,
M. G. EUWER,
JAMES A. McATEER,
F. M. WILSON.

DISSENT OF J. C. McFEETERS AND OTHERS.

We respectfully dissent from the action of Synod in adopting the supplementary report of the Committee on National Reform, because,

1. We regard the adoption of this report as endorsing the statement of the purpose of the National Reform Association in the recently secured Charter in which there is no proposal, except in an indirect and remote manner, to secure "such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as will declare the Nation's obligation to Jesus Christ and its acceptance of the moral laws of the Christian religion, and because,

2. We do not regard the recognition of this object in the Constitution as it is now subordinate to the Charter as giving to the Lord Jesus Christ the honor that is His due, or to the Christian Amendment the prominence to which it is entitled.

J. C. McFEETERS,
JOHN W. PRITCHARD,
HENRY WALLACE,
S. A. S. METHENY,
J. M. JOHNSTON,
S. J. JOHNSTON,
D. C. MATTHEWS,
W. J. McKNIGHT,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT,
JAMES T. MITCHELL,
H. G. PATTERSON,
J. S. THOMPSON,
M. A. GAULT,
JOHN C. SLATER,
JOHN COLEMAN,
W. W. CARITHERS,
W. J. COLEMAN,
D. S. FARIS,
ISAIAH FARIS,
T. M. SLATER,
J. G. McILHINNEY,
J. M. COLEMAN,
J. F. CROZIER,
JOHN COPELAND,
A. W. HUNTER,
JAMES A. TEMPLETON,
J. RALSTON WYLIE,
G. M. ROBB,
T. H. MARTIN,
W. G. ROBB,
T. D. RUSSELL,
J. W. ROSE,
A. J. McFARLAND,
WM. T. PARK,
W. T. K. THOMPSON.

ANSWER TO REASONS OF DISSENT.

This Synod regards the statement of the purposes of the National Reform Association as set forth in its application for a charter as fully including, as it was certainly intended to include, all necessary amendments to our constitutions, State and National. A charter, however, is not the place for the statement of principles in detail. The Constitution of the Association, moreover, in which this object has hitherto been set forth, has been adopted by the Association under the Charter, and since there is nothing in the Charter which forbids or antagonizes this aim, we cannot admit that the Constitution in this matter is inferior or subordinate to the Charter. The very genius of a Charter, as a legal document granted by the court, requires that it be regarded not as a compelling, but as an enabling or empowering act.

T. P. STEVENSON,
J. S. MARTIN,
Committee.

The Board of Control reported. The report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Board of Control held three meetings during the year. All business committed to their management was given due attention.

Each application for aid was carefully considered, and appropriations made in accordance with the best judgment of the Board.

Eleven students of theology, five aged ministers, thirteen widows and orphans of deceased ministers were granted aid.

The terms of A. F. Reid and J. S. McGaw, expire this year, and their successors are to be chosen.

For the ensuing year we ask the following appropriations: For aged ministers $1,500, widows and orphans of deceased ministers and students of theology $4,000.

J. S. McGAW, Secretary.

The Committee on Secret Societies presented their report which had been amended in accordance with Synod's instructions. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPOORT ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

If ever Satan distinguished himself for cunning knavery, it was when he designed, organized and systemized the secret empire. There are a multiplicity of lodges but the system is one. The spirit, the teachings, the practices of the system reveal the purpose to destroy every institution, to make void every command of God, to frustrate the Gospel of Christ, and to rule the world. The plan of conquest is to secretly, aggressively, and persistently work to bring all men, all institutions, and all nations under its domain. Accordingly there is scarcely a department of organized society which is not infested by representatives of the orders. Regardless of what professions, or promises they make, or oaths they take. The lodge oath is above all and demands of them obedience to the lodge's every mandate and a constant secret service "for the good of the order." All outside the order are viewed as "profane" having no rights which the lodge is bound to respect.

It is our desire to point out some of the current events which mark the purpose and aggressiveness of this institution..

It has invaded the home. husbands and wives are urged to join the lodge. Secret living destroys mutual confidence, weakens the tie which binds those whom God hath joined together, and divorce follows. The daily papers present a daily record of divorces granted, and the homes thus destroyed.

It has invaded the Church. Lodge members are admitted to many churches. As professed Christians they take their vows, and many of them at once begin their secret service of favoritism toward lodge members by managing elections and appointments and thwarting discipline. While at the same time they stultify the testimony of the church by their connection with lodge dances, theatricals, card parties, carousals, Bacchanalian feasts, and traveling on the Sabbath. Not satisfied with this, they carry their system into the body of the church, by organizing fraternities like the "Knights of King Arthur" among the boys of the Sabbath School, and the "Epsilons" in the Ladies' Missionary Societies.

In spite of the fact that the lodges are in many places responsible for a shortage of men in the churches, a low state of spirituality, a depleted treasury and an almost deserted prayer-meeting, many ministers either through ignorance, cowardice or lack of grace, prostitute their ministry not only by joining, honoring and championing the lodge, but by urging their members to do the same. Balaam has always had a succession.

The Religious Education Association is but a sign of the times.

It is manifestly a lodge propaganda, an effort to hoodwink the church, and supplant the religion of Jesus Christ, with a world religion taught by Masonry and other orders.

It has invaded our public school system. Greek letter fraternities have existed for several years in our state universities but have now too been carried into our High schools and graded schools. Disclosures of the immoralities, and crimes practiced in these fraternities have shocked the moral sense of all thinking people. Decisions of the school boards and courts have prohibited them in most of the city schools, and described them as productive of weakened scholarship, insubordination, snobbishness, factions, vicious habits, and disrespect for teachers and fellow students. They defeat the purpose of the public school system and are inimical to the democratic spirit of our republic. Every argument framed against them applies with equal force to all college fraternities and in the main to all lodges.

It has invaded the political life of our nation. When men join secret orders they thereby serve notice upon all men that henceforth they will work in the interests of lodge members. No where is this truth better illustrated than in the sphere of politics. Lodge influence has much to do with the bills that are defeated or enacted in our legislatures, while it is a notorious fact that the shield of lodge "protection" is thrown over many guilty of crime. The lodges have had the audacity to declare that no candidate for office can hope for success without joining the orders. Even Mr. Taft when president-elect felt that he had to accept the special privilege offered to him of being made a Mason "at sight," after living without the lodge for fifty years; while Hon. W. J. Bryan in his fight for the presidency joined a number of lodges including the Eagles.

But lodge arrogance has reached its climax in America in the recent enactment of the Tennessee legislature which prohibits the exposure of the lodge by books and tracts, and the attempt to introduce a similar bill into Congress. This is a direct blow at the rights of free speech and a free press and substantiates the charge that the secret empire is despotic in character, a well defined conspiracy against the republic, and fears nothing so much as the light. It shows that the exposure of the lodge is being felt, and that the battle has reached a new stage.

It has invaded the business world. We are coming into the time foretold in prophecy, when men could neither buy nor sell without the mark of the beast or his image. The grip and the password have much to do with a man's business success in many places. Coercion by violence is the latest approved method of compelling subserviance to the mandates of the lodge. Through the year the nation has been astounded and whole communities terrorized by the depredations and cold blooded murders which have been committed in the name of the "Black Hand," the "Night Riders" and the "Labor Unions." The oaths and laws of these orders have been revealed and it is noteworthy that these schools of anarchy, lawlessness and murder bear a striking resemblance to all other lodges, in that they are founded upon absolute secrecy, cruel, blasphemous oaths and sworn protection for the membership.

We would offer the following resolutions:

1. That we recommend and endorse the determined effort on the part of educators, school boards, and the courts to abolish all school fraternities.

2. That we urge pastors, sessions, parents, teachers and all who

have the oversight of the youth to exercise vigilance in guarding them against machinations of the lodge now at work in the schools and churches.

3. That we protest most vigorously against any legislation which has for its purpose an attempt to screen the lodges or prohibit their exposure to the world.

4. That in view of the revelations of crime, intrigue and treason against the liberties of our republic which have been fostered and executed by the lodge, in our judgment, the time has come when the people of this free country should demand of Congress the recall of all lodge charters, and an act abolishing their legal right of existence in the future.

5. That we hereby record our thanksgiving to God for the public sentiment which has been aroused, and as a church continue to hold the searchlight of God's Word focused upon this system of darkness, and cease not to warn our fellowmen, and our nation of their danger.

6. That we heartily endorse the work of the National Christian Association and recommend it to the liberality of the congregations under our care.

J. S. McGAW,
J. M. JOHNSON,
G. M. ROBB.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. The report was recommitted for amendment.

The Standing Committee on Temperance reported on special matters referred to them. The report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPLY TO THE INTER CHURCH TEMPERANCE UNION.

As a church we believe that the foundation of all legalized sins in our country is the fatal defect in our national constitution which ignores God, the creator of nations, Jesus Christ, the King of nations, and the law of God, the only true rule of nations, and that no Christian can be loyal to Christ, and swear to support such a constitution, or by ballot ask his official agent to do so. We are ready to unite with you in your campaign of education, and to send a delegate to your convention, but we cannot enter into your federation for the reason that we do not see our way clear to subscribe to that part of your constitution which involves political action by the use of the ballot, as this would be inconsitent with the position we assume in the great reform we seek.

REPLY TO ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

The communication from the Anti-saloon league was referred to us, and we recommend the following answer be returned:

The position of this Church is, that a National Constitution should acknowledge Christ, as its King, and his Word as its rule in the settlement of all moral questions. While our government continues to forget God, we do not feel free to enter the arena of politics, and

so we believe our work will be more effective, if pursued along lines controlled by our Church.

W. W. CARITHERS, Chairman.

The Committee on Nominations reported. The report was received, and adopted, and is as follows:

We nominate the following to compose the Committee to select additional meters of Psalms to be added to our Psalter: W. J. Coleman, J. W. Sproull, T. H. Acheson, F. M. Wilson, J. S. Thompson, A. A. Wylie, J. S. Martin, W. J. McKnight, J. S. Tibby, T. S. Trumbull, R A. M. Steel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. WYLIE,
A. A. SAMSON,
S. C. CONNER,
E. F. THOMSON,
THOMAS BOGGS.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that we reaffirm the action of 1907 in which it was earnestly urged by Synod that our congregations should not make use of any versions of the Psalms in worship except such as have been authorized by the Church.

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported that no congregation of our church had invited the Synod for next year, and that therefore it is recommended that the invitation to meet at Winona Lake be accepted. The report was adopted, and Winona Lake was chosen as the place for the meeting of the Synod of 1910.

The Committee on Order of Business was made the Committee on Arrangements.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported the amendment to their report ordered by Synod. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection respectfully reports:

The reports of these Boards have been referred to us.

In the report on Church Erection several items deserve notice. This Board granted one thousand dollars to Santa Ana Congregation in addition to a like amount given by the Synod. A later request for five hundred dollars, to complete the furnishing of the Church, was also approved, with the understanding that this money should be repaid by the congregation.

The congregation at Old Bethel has built a comfortable church and was given one thousand dollars by your Board to free it from debt.

We recommend the following:

1. That the grants to these congregations be approved, and that Santa Ana repay the five hundred dollars, according to arrangement with the Board.

2. That J. C. Slater be re-elected to the Board of Church Erection

3. That the following appropriations, already ordered by Synod to make up the salaries of pastors, be paid out of the funds of the Sustentation Board: Denver $325; Church Hill $300; Coldenham $250; Lochiel $300; Kansas City $550; Hetherton $350; Slippery Rock $300.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. COLEMAN,
J. BOGGS DODDS,
J. G. McELHINNEY,
R. J. WARD,
J. C. THOMPSON.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report that $2,569.43 has been received from bequests, endowments and from congregations during the last year, and was used to make up the salaries of ministers according to the appropriations made by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman,
W. J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

CHURCH ERECTION.

Board of Church Erection would respectfully report that the usual meetings, during the year, have been held, and business coming before the Board has received careful consideration.

Santa Ana.

In report to Synod last year, reference was made to $1,000 appropriated to, and paid to Santa Ana congregation. Just after Synod, your Board made another appropriation of $1,000 to Santa Ana. This your Board deemed wise because of the necessities of the case.

At a meeting of the Board September 24, 1908, another request from Santa Ana, for an additional $500, was considered. This money was greatly desired by the congregation to aid them in seating and heating their church. In themselves, they felt financially unable, though heartily willing, to carry the work further.

After deliberation, and viewing all the conditions of the case, your Board made an appropriation of $500 for furnishing and heating; but this appropriation was made on the understanding that the congregation, when, at some future time, it has become prosperous, shall return this $500 to Church Erection Treasury.

Santa Ana congregation, under the care of Rev. Geo. N. Greer, a faithful and energetic pastor, is now enjoying their new house for the worship of God, and the church rejoices with both pastor and people, wishing for them prosperous years in the service of their Saviour and God.

For description of Church, see Report of last year.

Old Bethel.

This congregation, old and tried in the service of the Redeemer, the spiritual Mother of a number of Ministers, and of many Elders and members in other and distant congregations, had worshiped in a building that showed the marks of age, which had, indeed, become almost incapable of standing the strain of storms of more than ordinary severity. The congregation, after sufficient deliberation, determined to erect a new church on the old site. The old building was razed and material from it, to the value of about $200, was used. Labor by the members of the congregation, estimated to be worth from $600 to $1,000, was contributed. From outside, contributions, amounting to $372, were received. The church cost $4,404. Of this sum, the congregation raised, among themselves, probably a little over $3,000 in cash subscriptions.

Making such heroic effort, your Board was glad to come to the aid of this honored congregation, and made an appropriation of $1,000, the application for which having been duly recommended by the congregation.

Thus this church, a monument to the grace of God, was completed, with furnace and gasoline plant for lighting, and seated in modern style, without a cent of debt. The auditorium will seat 200. The adjoining Sabbath school room will seat 100 more. A vestibule and Ladies' parlor add to the attractiveness of the church; and the grounds have been graded.

Coincident with getting new church, the Old Bethel congregation is getting a new pastor, the Rev. D. C. Matthews, who is to be congratulated on entering a field with such delightful surroundings.

It will be observed that your Board has not, the past year, received many applications for aid. But such as came before your Board received liberal consideration, and the money of the church was forwarded with the prayer that the Divine blessing would follow it.

The Treasurer of the Board, Mr. Walter T. Miller, shows in his report.

Receipts from all sources	$2,022 14	
Balance from last Synod	6,207 35	
Total Receipts		$8,229 49

Disbursements.

To congregations named in this report	3,505 50
On hand at this date	$4,723 99

The time for which J. C. Slater was elected to the Board has expired and his place should be filled.

Your Board asks that an appropriation of $4,000 be made for the work of the Board.

The secretary was appointed to represent this Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER, Secretary.

W. W. Carithers was appointed to address a letter of sympathy to S. R. Wallace, on account of the death of his son; R. C.

Wylie to address letters of sympathy to W. McLeod George; T. P. Stevenson to R. J. George, and G. M. Robb to D. B. Wilson, on acount of sickness which prevented their attendance upon the Synod.

T. H. Acheson was appointed delegate to represent this church in the Inter-Church Temperance Conference.

It was resolved to hold a Conference on Testimony Bearing on Thursday evening of the next meeting of Synod, the Committee on Testimony Bearing to arrange the program.

The thanks of the Synod were extended to the pastor of the Chicago congregation for his attention to the comfort of the members, to the members of the congregation and the friends who have so kindly entertained us, to the stenographer for her services, to the precentors who have led the praise service of the Synod, and to the railroads that have granted valuable concessions to the members of Synod, special mention being made of the Erie road to whose action it was largely due that any concessions were obtained.

The time for the next meeting of Synod was fixed for the first Wednesday evening of June at eight o'clock, the Mission Conference to meet on the Tuesday evening preceding at 7:30 o'clock.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees.

Secret Societies—G. M. Robb, J. Boggs Dodds, George N. Greer, R. A. Adams and J. W. Cavan.

Psalmody—C. A. Edgar, J. M. Wylie, W. T. K. Thompson, John M. Allen and J. R. Cady.

Signs of the Times—R. C. Wylie, John Yates, J. M. Foster, Thomas J. Edgar, W. B. Keys.

State of Religion—J. W. F. Carlisle, D. O. Jack, D. C. Mathews, J. A. Forsythe, R. J. Ward.

Young People's Societies—R. H. Martin, W. Henry George, S. McNaugher, John Copeland, J. W. Wilson.

Sabbath—J. C. McFeeters, John Coleman, R. W. Piper, J. E. Dodds, S. M. Steel.

Sabbath Schools—S. E. Greer, W. J. McKnight, W. J. Sanderson, Charles Dougall, A. G. Walkinshaw.

Systematic Beneficence—B. M. Sharp, E. L. McKnight, D. H. Elliott, J. W. M. Hart, Robert McAfee.

Devotional Exercises—R. Clark, J. C. Slater, A. A. Wylie, M. G. Euwer, A. P. Donahu.

Order of Business—J. S. Martin, S. G. Conner, F. M. Wilson.

Unfinished Business—The Clerks.

The minutes of the evening session were read, corrected and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by D. S. Faris, the singing of

the 133 Psalm, and the Benediction by the Moderator, to meet at Winona Lake on June 1, 1910, at 8 p. m.

T. H. ACHESON, Moderator.
J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association would respectfully report that the work of the twelfth year in the history of the Aged People's Home, called for twenty-seven meetings—five of the Association, five of the Board of Directors and seventeen of the Board of Managers.

The members have all shown a deep interest in the meetings and in the work connected with the Home.

The Corresponding Secretary wrote one hundred forty-nine postals, sixty-four pulpit notices, forty-five letters, notified the Congregational Managers of their appointment, distributed five hundred thirty printed reports and sent an invitation for Donation and Reception Day to all the Congregational Managers, the neighboring Ministers and Staff of Physicians.

The committees have been busy looking after the grounds, the Home and the family in the Home.

The grounds around the Home have been graded and sodded, trees pruned and garden made. A sign has been placed over the front porch containing the name of the Home.

The family now numbers twenty-three; eight new members having been admitted during the year, Mrs. Susan Patterson, of New Alexandria, Pa., March 17, 1908; Miss Margaret Eccles, Miss Annie Eccles and Miss Mattie H. Eccles, of Connellsville, Pa., June 5th, 1908; Miss Sarah Woodside, of Pittsburg, Pa., June 8th, 1908; Miss Nancy Du Shane, of New Alexandria, Pa., July 30, 1908; Mr. James Temple, of Denver, Colo., November 11th, 1908, and Mrs. Theresa Lawson, of Princeton, Ind., December 11th, 1908.

One was removed by death, Miss Louise Woolston, Dec. 10, 1908.

Sabbath services have been held in the Home as often as possible, twenty-five sermons were preached by the students, resident pastors, and visiting ministers. Prayer meetings have been held each week led by the students in turn and a special Thanksgiving service on the evening of Thanksgiving Day conducted by Rev. R. J. George, these meetings have been much enjoyed by the members of the Home and neighbors who met with them.

Our Matron, Miss Jamison, has endeared herself to all the members of the Home and to all engaged in the work of the Home, her cares are heavy and her duties have been many, but they have all been performed in patience.

Miss Martha Love, who was with us for so many years as helper, resigned in November.

Quite a number of the family have been sick during the winter, and some have been very seriously ill, necessitating frequent visits by the Physicians.

The following Physicians have been added to the Staff during the year: Dr. P. N. Myers, Dentist, and Drs. Harold J. and Maie S. Dorrance, Osteopaths.

We desire to extend our thanks to the ministers, students, physicians, editors of the Church Papers and friends who have given their time and means to this part of the Lord's work.

Three memorial rooms have been furnished since our last report, one by Miss Martha McConnell, one by Mr. John M. Elder and one by Mrs. J. T. Morton. This leaves but one room unfurnished.

We are glad to report the following additional members to the Association: Life Director, Mrs. W. M. Hice; Honorary Members, Mrs. Elizabeth Wylie, S. John Wylie, J. Ren Wylie, Brice E. Wylie, William P. Wylie and Mrs. T. C. Sproull; Life Members, Miss Etta Jamison and Lucretia Elizabeth Bond.

We are grateful to the church at large for the interest shown in the Aged Peoples' Home by their donations of fruit and money received on Donation and Reception Day and from time to time, and by the congregational collections which amounted to Five Hundred fifty-two and 29-100 Dollars.

We again ask for an appropriation of One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars.

The work of the year has been very pleasant and the Lord has blessed us abundantly, and we begin another year trusting in the Giver of every good and perfect gift to supply all our needs.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. WARD, Secretary.

P. S.—Since the closing of the Treasurer's Book, March 1st, we have received Four Thousand, Five Hundred ($4,500) Dollars from the Porterfield Estate and have paid Three Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty ($3,250) Dollars on our indebtedness to Synod's Board.

STATISTICS FOR THE PRESBYTERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1909

COLORADO

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Denver	John C. French	293 So. Clarkson, Denver, Colo.	4	5	8	6	67	4	90	35	.....	128	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	11	.....	.....	1000	671	1820
Evans	I. A. Blackwood	Evans, Colo.	4	5	16	14	71	4	.....	.....	55	155	47	6	5	6	8	.....	137	17	6	3	5	1000	277	1727
Greeley	J. M. Wylie	1909 10th Ave., Greeley, Colo.	3	3	9	3	73	4	75	35	59	257	38	20	13	16	9	.....	83	42	25	5	9	1000	416	1992
La Junta		Cor. J. C. Dodds, La Junta, Colo	*4	3	.....	.....	63	.....	57	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	208	9	38	.....	.....	550	358	1163
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	906 E. 28th St., Los Angeles, Calif.	3	2	9	6	41	4	52	20	25	9	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78
Santa Ana	Geo. N. Greer	712 E. 3rd St., Santa Ana, Calif.	2	1	4	1	47	2	58	25	44	42	25	31	14	6	5	.....	923	16	22	3	.....	398	132	1661
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue Ave., Seattle, Wash.	6	8	14	7	122	3	175	75	150	.....	88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1197	30	.....	24	24	1170	1547	4236
Content M. S.		Cor. Clark Campbell, Content, Alberta	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	1	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	†542	617
Oakland	W. C. Allen	209 E 10th St., Oakland, Calif	3	2	.....	.....	39	.....	15	15	20	30	20	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	8	.....	.....	128	176	427
Canon City, M. S		Cor. D. D. Dodds, Canon City	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Armor	Seattle, Wash.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. T. Willson	Canon City, Colo.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	H. B. McMillan	Greeley, Colo.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. K. Robb	Tak Hing, China	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Samuel Edgar	Latakia, Syria	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations 8	No. of Ministers 12	Totals	29	29	60	37	545	22	547	231	353	624	264	67	32	28	22		2558	144	110	35	38	5321	4129	13726

*Last year's report. †Expenses for three years.

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Old Bethel	D. C. Mathews (Pastor elect)	Houston, Ill.	7	7	7	4	113	3	90	.....	102	31	80	28	37	17	4	.....	3100	46	15	2	4	.....	673	4139
St. Louis	McLeod M. Pearce	St. Louis, Mo. 4631 West Belle Ave.	3	4	3	2	43	1	65	15	70	28	27	8	9	5	6	.....	9	19	16	4	....	1059	1066	2317
Bethel	S. J. Johnston	Sparta, Ill.	4	3	8	0	71	2	0	30	72	25	34	16	23	12	9	.....	437	25	22	7	14	*705	510	1911
Oakdale	M. A. Gault	Oakdale, Ill.	5	6	8	14	168	3	200	30	50	22	26	91	41	70	11	.....	316	30	11	3	4	800	425	1900
Bloomington	G. Renwick Steele	Bloomington, Ill.	5	4	3	0	110	4	150	25	110	55	74	51	17	13	6	.....	13	58	61	2	4	800	374	1638
Princeton		J. E. Carithers, Princeton, Ill	4	4	1	1	65	2	40	15	121	34	41	33	43	16	14	.....	11	24	36	3	6	*700	185	1270
Church Hill	H. S. Fulton	Coultersville, Ill	3	3	8	10	59	0	32	23	4	0	5	6	0	0	0	.....	73	8	0	0	0	350	196	642
Selma	S. F. Kingston	511 Union Street, Selma, Ala.	4	3	3	28	99	1	138	.....	38	19	0	0	0	0	0	.....	0	6	6	0	0	228	219	518
Staunton		Matthew Williamson, Staunton, Ill.	2	2	....	....	†22	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	C. S. Faris	Sparta, Ill.	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. G. Reed	Selma, Ala.	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	E. A. Crooks	College Springs, Ia.	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	G. W. Benn		....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 9	No. of Ministers 11	Totals,	37	36	41	59	759	16	715	138	567	214	290	233	170	133	50	.....	3959	216	169	21	32	4633	3648	14335

*Manses. †"Estimated."

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Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Hearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Chicago	Robert Clarke	686 East 65th Street, Chicago, Ill	7	4	2	12	56	1	.....	12	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1300	835	2196
Hickory Grove	.....	D. C. Nichol, Albia, Iowa	2	2	2	7	20	.....	35	.....	17	7	21	7	6	4	6	.....	2	5	3	6	.....	.....	245	329
Hopkinton	S. Turner Foster	Hopkinton, Iowa	7	4	8	6	99	2	35	10	246	44	33	59	10	9	17	.....	15	27	18	7	948	1000	2497	4930
Lake Reno	.....	Wm. Hogan, Glenwood, Min	3	5	3	7	85	5	80	20	37	28	20	14	16	8	4	.....	104	16	8	2	4	600	209	1070
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Morning Sun, Iowa	7	3	14	6	160	4	129	25	341	121	273	153	135	46	51	.....	33	122	35	12	26	1124	606	3078
Rehoboth	Geo. A. Edgar	Wyman, Iowa	3	2	6	1	34	.....	25	.....	217	32	123	77	37	10	.....	.....	10	30	11	9	.....	600	264	1420
Sharon	J. S. McGaw	Morning Sun, Iowa, R. F. D.	6	4	19	10	179	4	48	48	634	194	152	147	194	81	63	.....	26	70	62	45	.....	1000	1043	3711
Vernon	.....	E. I. Dewey, Mukwanago, Wis., R. F. D. Route 39	2	3	0	1	35	0	.....	.....	46	46	22	7	15	5	7	.....	9	14	15	5	.....	.....	11	176
Washington	.....	David Love, Washington Iowa	2	3	0	9	57	.....	.....	.....	73	23	102	204	61	4	8	.....	3	9	1	1	3	469	302	1263
.....	J. A. Black	7628 Union Ave, Chicago, Ill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Littlejohn	Chicago, Ill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. M. Robb	China	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Robt. E. Wilson	Syria	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. R. W Stevenson		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations 6	No. of Ministers 10	Totals,	39	30	54	59	725	16	452	115	1672	469	746	668	474	167	156	.....	202	293	153	87	981	6093	6012	18173

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

Barnesville	.....	W. J. Curry, Barnesville, Kings Co., N. B.	2	5	.....	2	24	1	30	.....	12	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	154	72	249
St. John	.....	R. A. H. Morrow, 49 Spring St., St. John, N. B.	2	.....	1	.....	28	.....	22	.....	15	21	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	3	1	.....	596	.....	649
Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	2	.....	.....	.....	62	.....	44	.....	50	24	79	14	10	1	5	.....	.....	1	1	4	4	400	50	643
No. of Congregations 3	No. of Ministers 1	Totals,	6	5	1	2	114	1	76	.....	77	45	96	15	11	1	5	.....	5	1	4	5	4	1159	122	1541

KANSAS

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Beulah	James T. Mitchell	R. F. D. Bostwick, Neb	4	2	.....	1	90	4	80	20	52	41	18	9	11	8	15	.....	318	12	20	.....	7	700	385	1594
Billings	.....	J. R. Cady, Billings, Okla	5	4	.....	1	57	3	90	.....	35	13	7	5	33	2	4	.....	7	11	7	.....	4	357	228	712
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers	Apache, Okla	6	4	11	6	99	d 6	312	.....	180	50	133	50	455	25	40	.....	40	80	87	.....	40	.....	645	1867
Clarinda	.....	James U. McKeown, Clarinda, Star R. T	6	4	7	16	138	9	145	20	262	50	133	22	68	61	23	.....	52	30	38	.....	14	1000	490	2240
Denison	Delber H. Elliott	Denison, Kan	5	5	8	1	111	a 5	130	25	158	85	85	61	58	22	45	.....	66	92	24	.....	14	800	437	1947
Eskridge	.....	S. F. Dill, Eskridge, Kan. R. F. D. No. 2	5	3	9	6	91	1	101	.....	104	71	41	31	59	1	15	.....	44	19	8	.....	8	580	236	1217
Hebron	.....	A. Copeland, R. F. D. Idana, Kan	3	2	2	3	47	3	50	20	56	62	22	34	10	11	8	.....	44	17	17	.....	5	.....	531	812
Holmwood	.....	B. W. McMahan, Mankado, Kan. R. F. D.	1	2	.....	10	18	.....	31	.....	21	4	4	4	9	3	2	.....	2	2	3	.....	2	151	49	256
Kansas City	†Elmer Russell	W. J. Adams, 1315 W. 11th Street. Kansas City, Mo	5	2	5	1	61	.....	30	20	22	17	28	45	17	8	12	.....	235	15	17	.....	7	.....	867	1296
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	Blanchard, Ia	6	5	6	34	95	c 8	101	.....	91	24	75	26	23	49	20	.....	350	27	35	.....	19	800	309	1848
Olathe	E. L. McKnight	559 Loula Street, Olathe, Kan	5	5	34	9	178	b 8	170	40	180	212	96	210	100	42	27	.....	307	88	104	.....	20	*675	1565	3626
Quinter	J. G. McElhinney	Quinter, Kan	6	7	12	4	92	11	70	25	41	41	25	33	48	16	4	.....	36	11	45	...	8	448	550	1306
Sterling	J. Boggs Dodde	Sterling, Kan	4	3	8	.....	116	4	.....	.....	182	118	88	38	38	30	17	.....	156	106	28	.....	17	800	1023	2941
Superior	W. T. K. Thompson	Superior Kan	4	2	11	1	57	2	60	15	55	19	32	12	16	7	7	.....	6	9	9	.....	5	482	300	959
Tabor	S. E. Greer	Idana, Kan	3	3	3	4	57	2	60	.....	35	18	37	11	15	7	6	.....	7	23	5	.....	4	550	285	1009
Topeka	A. A. Samson	922 Clay Street, Topeka, Kan	3	.....	11	2	54	4	.....	.....	45	16	45	4	5	2	2	.....	127	19	23	.....	1	.....	744	1033
Wahoo	.....	S. H. Carlisle, Wahoo, Neb.	2	1	2	3	27	1	30	.....	15	5	4	.....	4	3	2	.....	.....	9	4	.....	3	263	83	395
Winchester	.....	John A. Reynolds, Winchester, Kan	11	8	10	20	710	7	145	50	405	99	84	105	86	30	25	.....	187	49	67	.....	22	373	2579	4111
Lieb Mission Station	J. Ralston Wylie	Lieb P. O., Huchinson Co., Texas	....	....	....	....	16	3	34	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	100	250
.....	Andrew J. McFarland	Latakia, Syria	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	G. R. McBurney	Quinter, Kan	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Isaiah Faris	R. F. D Denison, Kan	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	James McCune	445 Biddle Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	D. H. Coulter	11th and Lane Streets, Topeka, Kan	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. W. Dill	Sterling, Kan	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Wm. C. Paden	Clay Center, Kan	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congrngations 17	No. of Ministers 17	Totals,	84	62	139	122	1609	79	1669	235	1939	945	957	700	1055	327	274	.....	1984	619	541	.....	200	8129	11406	29076

(a) Adult; (b) 3 adults; (c) 2 adults; (d) 1 adult. *For 9 months. †Pastor elect.

NEW YORK

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions														
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38, R. F. D. 4, Groton, Vt	4	2	0	2	60	0	83	.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	862	105	99
First Boston	Sam'l McNaugher	40 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass	4	7	10	11	227	4	100	35	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	740	.....	.....	.....	.....	1800	1432	416
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	44 S. Russell St., Boston, Mass	4	8	9	7	70	4	70	.....	100	18	14	20	3	8	23	.....	25	125	40	1	2	1200	800	237
Bovina	W. G. Robb	Bovina Center, Delaware Co., N. Y	5	5	1	1	68	2	60	.....	83	23	44	24	24	11	15	.....	9	26	21	5	9	800	264	135
Brooklyn	John C. Slater	707 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y	4	3	4	7	43	1	30	.....	86	98	59	77	50	17	19	.....	19	39	25	6	13	1200	404	211
Cambridge	R. C. Reed	8 Center St., Cambridge, Mass	2	3	6	11	50	4	100	25	25	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	252	756	117
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Walden, N. Y	4	3	.....	9	51	2	30	.....	18	13	6	5	12	5	7	4	200	10	6	.....	.....	500	200	98
Craftsbury	(f)	.....	2	.....	.....	5	a 9	1	16	.....	1	12	5	5	5	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	140	.....	17
Kortright	(g)	.....	e 2	1	.....	.....	20	.....	9	.....	22	31	12	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	185	28
Montclair	(h)	.....	2	3	3	.....	13	.....	22	.....	19	5	13	5	5	3	4	.....	4	8	5	4	.....	.....	524	59
First Newburgh	J. W. F. Carlisle	Newburg, N. Y	4	3	3	7	169	b 3	120	70	304	98	28	80	40	33	.....	.....	100	26	.....	.....	.....	1500	1016	322
Second Newb'gh	J. R. Thompson	Newburg, N. Y	3	4	11	11	150	4	100	.....	50	25	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	25	.....	.....	.....	1200	600	205
SecondNewYork	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., New York	10	8	12	20	227	b 5	188	30	1325	200	90	117	108	45	23	.....	23	38	.....	11	11	3000	28	501
Third New York	F. M. Foster	345 W. 29th St., New York	9	8	17	8	171	3	150	.....	326	151	109	32	30	23	30	.....	34	18	120	14	19	2500	3355	676
FourthNewYork	(i)	.....	3	4	.....	1	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1046	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1583	262
Ryegate	(j)	.....	2	1	.....	1	17	.....	.....	.....	29	14	18	12	11	8	17	.....	.....	17	8	.....	.....	.....	90	22
Walton	(k)	.....	6	5	.....	6	100	3	101	.....	227	110	54	76	48	11	19	.....	47	29	27	9	17	800	435	190
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	West Hebron, N. Y	3	2	3	5	25	.....	32	.....	15	3	8	3	3	3	3	.....	25	3	4	2	4	c 50	533	65
White Lake	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, N. Y	4	2	5	2	60	d 8	40	.....	54	21	35	17	17	10	15	.....	76	21	20	9	10	650	167	112
.....	S. R. Wallace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. I Robb	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Julius Kempf	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	T. A. Rusk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. M. George	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Walter McCarroll	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congrngations 19	No. of Ministers 19	Totals,	77	72	84	114	1590	44	1251	160	2889	837	595	473	378	178	175	4	2538	401	276	61	85	16454	12477	3782

(a) Does not tally with last year's report. (b) One adult. (c) For two months. (d) Four adults. (e) Report for 1906. (f) James Anderson, East Craftsbury, Vt (g) Wm. Orr, South Kortright, N. Y. (h) A. J. Harding, 84 Greenwood Ave., Montclair, N. J. (i) Robert McAfee, 55 Ann St., New York. (j) R. H. Gates, South Ryegate, Vt. (k) B. M. Thompson, Walton, N. Y.

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Belle Center		J. G. McConnell, Belle Center, Ohio	3	....	....	4	31	....	35	15	81	50	56	6	5	3	9	....	108	12	16	....	....	475	134	95
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris	109 N. Park St., Bellefontaine, Ohio	3	....	2	3	36	....	25	.....	35	8	21	7	10	7	7	....	7	8	8	7	4	350	119	59
Cedar Lake	C. McLeod Smith	Ray, Ind	5	3	2	3	121	2	100	25	78	64	41	23	45	11	4	....	2	86	7	3	2	800	384	155
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson	Cedarville, Ohio	3	3	....	1	47	....	45	12	59	15	33	16	15	9	11	....	11	24	18	6	6	450	150	82
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	424 Hopkins St., Cincinnati, Ohio	3	4	....	1	59	1	80	18	42	12	20	11	11	2	8	....	.....	25	11	2	3	1000	341	148
Fairgrove	W. J. McBurney	Fairgrove, Mich	3	....	....	....	30	....	30	.....	.....	15	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	210	31
Hetherton	E. G. Elsey	Hetherton, Mich	6	3	....	2	56	....	72	35	20	24	.....	9	9	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	176	58
Jonathan'sCreek	R. W. Piper	White Cottage, Ohio	3	2	2	2	40	....	50	.....	45	27	19	6	9	6	9	....	176	15	9	2	3	500	135	96
*Londonderry		T. J. Blackwood, Quaker City, Ohio	3	....	1	2	24	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	.....	23
New Concord	John Coleman	New Concord, Ohio	4	4	3	11	84	1	35	20	39	20	75	8	12	4	13	....	13	13	20	4	.....	800	405	142
Southfield	H. G. Patterson	Birmingham, Mich	4	5	9	4	73	....	50	.....	85	72	32	13	11	4	10	....	4	16	34	3	3	700	276	126
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Bellefontaine, Ohio, R. D. 4	7	4	12	11	138	2	128	52	166	101	48	39	53	16	22	....	19	26	28	8	10	800	400	173
Utica		R. A. Adams, Utica, Ohio	5	3	....	2	74	....	50	20	127	148	11	69	9	5	5	....	33	13	10	....	....	792	.....	122
*Muskingum& Tomica	(Mission Station	John Robson, Dresden, Ohio	1	....	....	3	10	....	.....	.....	40	.....	5	3	4	.....	2	....	2	3	3	....	....	190	61	31
.....	Louis Meyer	402 Carmalt St., Cincinnati, Ohio	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	R. A. Blair	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	E. E. Mitchell	China	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	H. G. Foster	Bellefountain, Ohio	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
No. of Congregations 13	No. of Ministers 14	Totals,	53	31	31	49	823	6	700	197	817	556	371	210	193	67	100	....	375	241	164	35	31	7512	2791	1346

*Report of 1908.

PITTSBURG

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Adamsville-Middleto'n	.....	R. J. McCracken, West Sunbury, Pa., R. D 2	2	...		3	32	...	24	.....	17	10	15	5	16	.....	5	.....	.....	3	10	.....	.....	225	50	35
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	1205 Boyle St., Allegheny, Pa	7	.. ..	10	13	147	1	140	50	379	104	230	100	227	41	137	.....	116	132	107	66	.....	2000	1566	520
Bear Run-Mahoning	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell Pa	5	.....	2	2	52	.....	51	20	32	40	23	21	11	4	9	4	2746	1	31	3	8	500	106	353
1st Beaver Falls	J. S Thompson	2514 Seventh Avenue, Beaver Falls, Pa	6	6	20	7	116	†13	351	68	25	24	6	8	28	4	7	.....	4	9	14	2	4	1000	737	187
Brookland	P. P. Boyd	5812 Margaretta Street, Pittsburg, Pa	3	2	.....	.....	27	.....	27	.....	10	5	12	5	5	3	4	.....	2	3	5	4	.....	200	68	32
Cent. Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	2325 Perrysville Avenue, Allegheny, Pa	5	.....	9	9	171	†6	375	75	127	76	412	30	64	36	5	.....	.....	4	3	.....	6	2000	1800	456
*Clarksburg	.....	Robt. Henry, Saltsburg, Pa., R. D. 1	2	2	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
College Hill	R. H. Martin	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa	8	5	3	11	134	3	225	75	271	185	90	64	65	13	28	8	493	234	19	20	.....	1080	1451	402
Geneva	.....	John Taggart, Beaver Falls, Pa	6	5	2	38	100	‡5	§259	25	162	64	54	14	16	20	.....	.....	8	4	7	.....	4	1000	956	230
*East End	D C. Martin	401 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa	3	4	.. ..	...	76	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Beaver	J. R. Wylie	New Galilee, Pa	3	4	3	6	67	‡1	50	.....	50	23	24	13	28	11	10	.....	9	90	15	7	3	640	250	117
McKeesp't-Monongah'la	.....	David Finny, Glassport, Pa	4	...	1	3	51	1	20	... ..	41	10	22	7	30	11	21	6	126	22	9	11	5	500	303	112
Mercer	J. M. Coleman	Mercer, Pa	4	5	10	3	64	4	28	.....	64	33	74	23	48	12	17	.....	11	19	38	6	5	600	227	117
Miller's Run	S G. Connor	Canonsburg, Pa., R. D. 2	3	.....	1	0	53	1	60	.....	174	69	116	84	105	14	32	.....	23	46	29	23	.....	800	338	185
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa	8	5	2	2	120	5	95	.. ..	370	117	39	120	62	28	44	.....	977	58	39	9	18	900	540	332
New Castle	.....	O. C. Orr, 61 Pittsburg Street, New Castle, Pa	7	10	2	24	198	‡3	180	85	113	128	14	81	78	48	40	112	326	162	24	10	15	1400	988	353
North Union	P. P. Boyd	5812 Margaretta Street, Pittsburg, Pa	4	.....	.. ..	.....	31	1	20	.....	20	10	20	.....	10	.....	6	.....	5	4	10	6	.....	300	10	40
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	New Castle, Pa	2	2	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	10	100	125	31
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	2	.....	.....	5	17	1	28	.....	22	7	11	8	7	4	6	.....	3	13	6	2	3	255	118	46
*Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell, Pa	4	.. ..	...	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	4	4	5	.....	64	1	60	.....	118	37	25	40	19	3	4	.....	10	38	4	3	5	353	151	81
Parnassus	F. M. Wilson	Parnassus, Pa	4	4	2	9	63	.....	170	¶60	68	43	47	22	66	34	39	.....	123	191	11	30	.....	1000	1408	308
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	8 Lafayette Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa,, N. S	6	7	28	20	184	1	175	75	442	203	151	100	163	43	107	50	93	338	.....	40	30	2000	4368	812
Slippery Rock	W. O. Ferguson	Rose Point, Pa	4	3	.....	.. ..	77	.....	75	25	27	3	3	28	59	9	2	.....	150	7	4	.....	.....	450	200	94
Wilkinsburg	.....	Oliver Wylie, 808 Hill Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa	5	.....	9	6	132	2	‖158	57	235	80	283	144	272	42	54	.....	59	228	74	18	36	1458	1679	466
Youngstown	A. A. Wylie	103 Garlick Street, Youngstown, Ohio	3	4	.. ..	.....	45	..	106	20	.....	.....	2	2	12	.....	2	.....	126	.....	.....	2	.....	500	173	81

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.....	R. C. Allen.....	Grove City, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	T. J. Allen	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	J. F. Crozier	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	R. J. Dodds	Leechburg, Pa., R. D. 2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	C. A. Dodds.....	Mersine Asia Minor	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	J. C. K. Ferris.....	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	H. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	R. J. George	842 Lincoln Avenue, Allegheny, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	W. P. Johnston.....	Mercer, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	George Kennedy...	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	J. S. Martin.....	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	A. J. McFarland, Sr	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	J. L. McCartney ...	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	R. J McIsaac.....	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	R. J. G. McKnight	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	W. J. McKnight.....	Syracuse, N. Y.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wis	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	T. C. Sproull.....	7317 Mouticello Street, Pittsburg, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	D. B. Wilson	Buena Vista Street, Allegheny, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	R. C Wylie	100 Lafayette Avenue, Allegheny, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	W. Henry George..	Beaver Falls, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	T. A. McElwain ...	Rose Point, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	B. M. Sharp.....	411 Penn Building, Pittsburg, Pa.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
No. of Congregations, 26	No. of Ministers 41	Totals,	115	72	109	161	2086	49	2677	635	2782	1271	1673	929	1391	380	589	180	5410	1646	459	262	152	19261	17612	5399

*Taken from last year's report. †11 adults. ‡1 adult. §2 Chinese. ‖8 Chinese. °$383 for supplies. ¶25 Sr., 35 Jr.

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1st Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	4502 Kingsessing Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	4	4	3	.....	165	4	90	50	167	388	52	23	23	17	21	.....	6500	60	16	4	7	1600	1593	1047
2nd Philadelphia	J. C. McFeeters	2043 Mt. Vernon St., Philadelphia, Pa.	5	.....	12	26	188	7	82	20	1054	75	131	51	73	40	47	.....	51	190	75	11	22	2000	2474	629
3rd Philadelphia	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	7	5	9	4	165	3	180	45	870	1212	1057	83	78	50	33	.....	200	109	24	7	13	1800	3698	923
.....	E. J. Feuersohn	800 S. Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 3	No. of Ministers 4	Totals,	16	9	24	30	518	14	352	115	2091	1675	1240	157	174	107	101	.....	6751	359	115	22	42	5400	7765	2599

ROCHESTER

Almonte	G. M. Robb	Almonte, Ontario	4	4	4	.....	64	.....	60	.....	130	30	46	23	23	16	17	....	16	18	25	5	11	‡800	308	146
Lisbon	.....	Wm. Robson, Lisbon, N. Y.	3	1	1	1	33	.....	23	.....	.....	8	4	6	6	6	11	....	57	.....	.....	2	3	†132	17	25
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	Brodie, Ontario	3	3	0	1	*30	3	25	.....	45	31	40	22	17	12	6	.....	9	1	24	4	9	‡500	108	82
Sterling, M. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Syracuse	John Yates	104 E. Colvin St., Syracuse, N. Y.	3	3	2	1	67	1	62	45	86	88	40	39	18	12	9	.....	12	21	43	4	4	700	413	148
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y., (Livingstone Co)	5	.....	2	3	82	3	82	28	89	35	31	20	29	13	14	.....	15	21	21	5	4	‡800	513	161
.....	Wm. McFarland	204 W. Lafayette Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. J. McCullough	Hopkinton, Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations 5	No. of Ministers 6	Totals,	18	11	9	6	285	7	252	73	350	192	161	110	93	59	57	.....	109	61	113	20	31	2932	1359	564

*Mistake in last year's report. †Pastor with congregation only 4½ months. ‡Including Manse.

SUMMARY

Presbyteries	Congregations	Ministers	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions															
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	1	6	5	1	2	114	1	76	.....	77	45	96	15	11	1	5	.....	5	1	4	5	4	1150	122	1541
Iowa	9	10	39	30	54	59	725	16	452	115	1672	469	746	668	474	167	156	.....	202	293	153	87	981	6093	6012	18173
Kansas	17	18	84	62	139	122	1609	79	1669	235	1939	945	957	700	1055	327	274	.....	1984	619	541	.....	200	8129	11606	29076
Pittsburgh	26	41	115	72	109	161	2086	49	2677	635	2782	1271	1673	929	1391	380	589	180	5410	1646	459	262	152	19261	17612	53997
Ohio	13	14	53	31	31	49	823	6	700	197	817	556	371	210	193	67	100	.....	375	241	164	35	31	7512	2791	13463
Colorado	8	12	29	29	60	37	545	22	547	231	353	621	262	67	32	28	22	.....	2558	144	110	35	38	5321	4129	13720
Philadelphia	3	4	16	9	24	30	518	14	352	115	2091	1675	1240	157	174	107	101	.....	6751	359	115	22	42	5400	7765	25999
Rochester	5	6	18	11	9	6	285	7	252	73	350	192	161	40	93	59	57	.....	109	61	113	20	31	2932	1359	5647
New York	19	19	77	72	84	44	1590	44	1251	160	2889	837	595	473	378	178	175	4	2538	401	276	61	85	16454	12477	37821
Illinois	9	11	37	36	41	59	750	16	713	138	567	214	290	233	170	133	50	.....	3959	216	169	21	32	4633	3648	14335
Syrian Mission	2	1	.....	.....	23	27	360	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission in China	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	4	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	114	137	474	357	602	670	9503	254	8691	1899	13587	6826	6391	3562	3971	1447	1529	184	23891	3981	2104	548	1596	76885	67321	213772

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